

# Young Americans For Liberty At Ohio State

## Student Organization Constitution

### ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Young Americans For Liberty At Ohio State

### ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

Young Americans for Liberty at Ohio State is committed to promoting campus policies reflecting the values of the U.S. Constitution from a Libertarian perspective. Formerly “Students for Ron Paul”, Young Americans for Liberty educates college students on how to legally pressure politicians/board members, raise awareness, and gain public support for policies acknowledging their constitutional rights.

### ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

#### **Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct**

Young Americans For Liberty At Ohio State *agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with the Student Organization Registration Guidelines.*

#### **Section B. Hazing**

Young Americans For Liberty At Ohio State *agrees to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with Ohio State University and Collin's Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.*

#### **Section C. Bylaws**

Young Americans For Liberty At Ohio State *retains the right to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal laws, The Ohio State University's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Organizations may make amendments and changes to the bylaws without consulting the Ohio Union & Student Activities department, and changes to bylaws do not require approval. All elements of organizational bylaws shall be consistent with the organization's currently approved constitution on file and CSA constitution requirements.*

## **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section A. Membership Eligibility**

Must be a student at Ohio State or an affiliate of Young Americans for Liberty. At least 90% of the voting membership must be currently enrolled Ohio State students. Non-student community members may participate as "community members" but may not vote or hold office. Membership is granted regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or protected veteran status.

### **Section B. Member Selection**

Prospective members must attend one in-person meeting and speak with any executive board member to express voluntary interest in the organization to be considered for membership. One-time dues (set by the parent organization) must be paid to Young Americans for Liberty within two weeks of expressing interest in membership AND the prospective member's name.# must be provided to be registered as an active member.

### **Section C. Membership Timeline**

Can be added to the roster as soon as verbal intent of membership is confirmed with executive board AND buckeyemail Name.number is provided to primary leadership. This is on a rolling basis. One-time dues must be paid within first two weeks of becoming an active member.

### **Section D. Member Removal**

Members may remove themselves at their own discretion without fear of retaliation, hazing, nor harassment from Young Americans for Liberty At Ohio State. Members may be removed from Young Americans for Liberty at Ohio State for taking action in retaliation to the organization's goals, violations of our constitution, or violations of the Code of Student Conduct, University policy, or federal, state, or local law.

To begin the removal process, evidence of any of the above actions must be presented to the executive leadership board and faculty advisor of the organization. With provided evidence, the member in question will be notified of allegations via email and will be given the opportunity to respond with a plead of guilty or not guilty along with a chance to defend themselves against the allegation. Following the response, the executive board will review both the evidence and response in consultation with the faculty advisor. The executive board will vote to remove the member, with a 2/3 vote being required for removal.

The membership removal process will be held in confidentiality whilst following all university and constitution policies. The process will be held in fairness to the accused and the accuser.

## **ARTICLE V. ADVISOR**

### **Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities**

The advisor for Young Americans for Liberty at Ohio State is required to complete all university training modules: advisor training and anti-hazing training both every two years. The advisor is also responsible for submitting online approval of organization registration and goals annually. The advisor is to review and submit online approval for any Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Operating or Programming funds requests initiated by the organization's treasurer.

The advisor is to serve as a resource and guide for the executive board and members of Young Americans for Liberty at Ohio State. The advisor will provide mentorship to the executive board, give guidance on navigating university policies and operations, and assist in the transition of executive board officers.

The advisor is expected to follow applicable laws, regulations, university rules, policies and guidelines when performing duties. The advisor is expected to follow and maintain all reporting obligations.

#### **Section B. Advisor Term**

Advisor is expected to serve a minimum of two academic semesters (not counting the summer semester). The advisor will have the option to be reappointed each semester as long as there is mutual agreement between the executive board (a majority agreement) and the advisor. The request for reappointment the for following semester will be sent by the primary leader to the current advisor before the end of the semester.

#### **Section C. Advisor Selection**

The primary advisor of Young Americans for Liberty at Ohio State shall be a full-time faculty member or administrative and professional staff member of the University, selected by the organization's executive board. Advisors are chosen based on their interest in supporting the organization's goals and their ability to provide guidance consistent with University policies. If multiple faculty members show interest in the primary advisor position, interviews will be held with the existing executive board to determine who best aligns with the organization's goals. A majority agreement from the executive board is required before appointment of an advisor. If an advisor is unable to fulfill their duties or will be on extended leave, a co-advisor may be appointed to ensure ongoing organizational support. Classified civil service employees, graduate associates, and emeritus and retired faculty/staff may serve as co-advisors, but the primary faculty/staff advisor must complete the certification process for the organization to be registered

#### **Section D. Advisor Replacement**

If the advisor does not adhere to following the goals of the organization, applicable laws, regulations, university rules, policies and guidelines when performing duties, the executive board is to hold a vote for removal after evidence is obtained and reviewed. A 2/3 vote is required to remove the advisor from their position. The primary leader will notify the advisor of their removal and the executive board will begin the selection process as outlined in Section C. The transition will be communicated to the Ohio Union and Student Activities staff to ensure the organization's registration remains current.

If the advisor resigns or can no longer perform duties, the executive board will begin the selection process as outlined in Section C.

## **ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP**

### **Section A. Officer Positions**

#### List of Officer Titles and Responsibilities

**President:** The acting primary leader. Works closely with all leadership and advisor. Have administrative access over all social media accounts and messaging groups. Preside over meetings and events. Finalize meeting and event plans with leadership board and any guests of honor. Finalize goals for each semester before presenting said goals with advisor. Delegates said responsibilities to other leadership as needed.

**Vice President:** The acting secondary leader. Assumes responsibilities delegated to them by the President. Acts as primary leadership when President is absent. Have administrative access over all social media accounts and messaging groups.

**Treasurer:** Manage all funds and debts of the organization. All payments and loans are managed and finalized by the treasurer. Tracks all assets owned by the organization. Keeps active membership and advisor informed on current assets, payments, and/or loans.

All officers will assist in the transition of leadership. When handing off a title, the current officer is responsible for informing and demonstrating all required duties to the newly appointed officer. If an officer is abruptly removed from their position and can't assist in the transition, the other officers and advisor will step in to assist in handing off responsibilities of the new officer.

### **Section B. Officer Eligibility**

All officers of Young Americans for Liberty at Ohio State must be currently enrolled students in good standing with the University. The President and Treasurer must be full-time students. All executive officers must be in support of the goals of Young Americans for Liberty at Ohio State.

### **Section C. Officer Selection Process**

Must submit leadership board application at the beginning of the Spring semester term prior to the two semester academic year term the individual wishes to hold office. Executive board will accept applications for vacant leadership positions as they arise during the two semester academic year term period. If only one applicant exists for the vacant position, they will be allowed to assume the officer position without any interview process for the next term. If there is more than one applicant for a single vacant position, interviews will be conducted with the current executive board in a private setting agreed upon by the executive board and the candidate. Interview questions will be in regards to further advancing the goals of Young Americans for Liberty at Ohio State. The executive board will hold a vote to determine the next officer after all interviews have been concluded. The winner of the position will be determined by a simple majority vote amongst the executive board.

In the event of a new executive board being needed, the parent organization can step in to conduct interviews as needed. The parent organization would follow all of the selection process rules as any executive board would be required to follow.

The officer selection process will be held with fairness and with respect to this constitution and all university policies.

#### **Section D. Officer Removal**

Officers may be removed from their position for the following reasons: failing to adhere to the regulations set by The Ohio State University, misappropriation of organization funds, losing their officer eligibility as previously outlined, and/or promoting values against the values and missions of Young Americans for Liberty. At any in-person meeting, a vote can be held at any time to remove an officer from their position. An officer will be removed if three-fourths of active members and at least one other officer votes for the removal of said officer.

### **ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION**

#### **Section A. Dissolution Requirements**

Dissolution will occur due to any of the following reasons: the organization cannot maintain active status for any reason (with exception to a pending review of submitted documents to the office of student life), and/or the organization no longer adheres to the regulations set by The Ohio State University.

Young Americans for Liberty at Ohio State may also be dissolved if deemed necessary by a two-thirds majority vote of the executive board and approval from the organization's advisor. Upon dissolution, all remaining assets and records shall be transferred to the national Young Americans for Liberty organization or managed in accordance with University policies regarding student organization property and funds. The decision to dissolve must be communicated to the Ohio Union and Student Activities staff to complete the official deregistration process.

#### **Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts**

Young Americans for Liberty will be notified of the Ohio State chapter's dissolution. All assets and entities will be used to pay any debt that cannot be paid by Young Americans for Liberty at Ohio State. Any outstanding debts will be documented by the treasurer, and the executive board will be notified of any outstanding debts and will be required to meet to discuss repayments. Remaining entities and assets will be returned to Young Americans for Liberty and The Ohio State University. Young Americans for Liberty and The Ohio State University will not take on any outstanding debts taken on by Young Americans for Liberty at Ohio State

### **ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

#### **Section A. Amendment Process**

Amendments can be called for at in-person meetings only. A vote will be carried out over the proposed amendment. A 75% majority of the active membership as well as a vote from at least one executive member

will be needed for the amendment to be reviewed by the advisor. If the advisor reviews and approves the amendment, the amendment will be made to the constitution and submitted for review by the office of student life. Until approval, the previous constitution will be in effect.