

The Ohio State University Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society

Student Organization Constitution

2025–2026

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The full name of this organization is The Ohio State University Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society. The organization may also be referred to as the "PPE Society" or "The Society." This organization is not affiliated with any external university, local, national, or international organization.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

The purpose of the PPE Society is to connect students at The Ohio State University who are majoring in or interested in the fields of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics; to facilitate multidisciplinary discussion and critical analysis of ideas and current events; and to build a community of informed students who seek to understand the complex forces that shape our world.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

The Ohio State University Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society *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 these guidelines.*

Section B. Hazing

The Ohio State University Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society *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

The Ohio State University Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society *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 these constitutional 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 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

Any individual currently enrolled as a student at The Ohio State University is eligible to become a member of the PPE Society. At least 90% of the voting membership must be currently enrolled Columbus campus Ohio State students.

Section B. Member Selection

Membership is voluntary. To become a member, an interested student must attend a PPE Society general body meeting and submit their contact information to the Secretary to be added to the organization's roster. All members are free to leave and disassociate at any time without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.

Section C. Membership Timeline

Membership is open on a rolling basis throughout the academic year. Students may join at the start of any semester or at any point during the semester by attending a general body meeting.

Section D. Member Removal

A member may be removed for conduct that is detrimental to the purpose of the organization, that violates this Constitution or the organization's bylaws, or that violates The Ohio State University's Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or applicable law. The Executive Board, in consultation with the Advisor, is responsible for reviewing concerns and making removal decisions. Removal requires a majority vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

The Advisor supports the PPE Society by ensuring the Executive Board upholds the rules and regulations of this Constitution, acting as an intermediary in any constitutional conflicts, and meeting with the Executive Board at least twice per semester. The Advisor must complete required advisor training every two years, complete the anti-hazing training module, submit annual online approvals of the organization's registration and goals, approve any CSA fund

requests initiated by the Treasurer, follow all applicable laws and university policies, and complete relevant reporting obligations. The Advisor may not vote or hold office in the organization.

Section B. Advisor Term

The Advisor serves for one academic year with the opportunity to be reappointed annually.

Section C. Advisor Selection

The Primary Advisor must be a full-time member of the University faculty or Administrative and Professional staff. The President, in coordination with the Executive Board, is responsible for identifying Advisor candidates. The Executive Board confirms the Advisor by a majority vote.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

An Advisor may be removed for failure to fulfill the duties outlined in Section A, violation of university policy, or conduct detrimental to the organization. Any Executive Officer may bring a concern to the Executive Board. Removal requires a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board. Following removal, the President initiates a new Advisor selection per Section C.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

The PPE Society is governed by an elected Executive Board of six officers:

- President (Primary Leader) – Plans and facilitates Executive Board and general body meetings, ensures the organization remains in good standing with the University, and directs the Executive Board in organizational decision-making.
- Vice President (Secondary Leader) – Assists the President in all executive duties and assumes the President's responsibilities when the President is unavailable.
- Treasurer – Manages the organization's funds and accounts, maintains a yearly budget, and tracks all expenditures and revenue.
- Secretary – Maintains the member email list, communicates meeting and event information to members, and takes meeting minutes.
- Social Media Coordinator – Manages the organization's social media accounts, creates event graphics and posts, and grows the organization's online presence.
- Member Development Chair – Advances the professional and personal development of members, maintains relationships with other student organizations, and facilitates events beyond regular meetings.

Section B. Officer Eligibility

To be eligible for any officer position, a candidate must be a member in good standing. The President and Treasurer must be enrolled as full-time students. The Vice President must be a student in good standing. All officers must meet any additional eligibility criteria outlined in the organization's bylaws.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

Candidates self-identify or are nominated by current members. The Secretary prepares a ballot distributed by email to all eligible voting members. Officers are selected by a majority vote of voting members. Detailed election procedures, including timelines and voting methods, are outlined in the organization's bylaws.

Section D. Officer Removal

An officer may be removed for violation of this Constitution or the organization's bylaws, failure to fulfill their duties, or conduct detrimental to the organization or in violation of university policy or applicable law. The Executive Board, in consultation with the Advisor, reviews concerns and votes on removal. Removal requires a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board, not including the officer under review. In the event of a vacancy, the remaining Executive Board members, in consultation with the Advisor, shall appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

The PPE Society may be dissolved upon a unanimous vote of the Executive Board, in consultation with the Advisor, upon a finding that the organization can no longer fulfill its stated purpose. All voting members must be notified prior to any dissolution vote.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

The Executive Board and Advisor are responsible for executing dissolution procedures. Remaining organizational assets shall first be applied to any outstanding debts. Under no circumstances may the organization leave debts to The Ohio State University or its entities. Any assets remaining after debts are resolved shall be donated to a non-profit or student organization whose mission aligns with that of the PPE Society, as identified by a majority vote of the Executive Board and approved by the Advisor. Upon dissolution, Student Activities staff must be contacted to remove the organization's information from the university's Student Organization Directory.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendment Process

Any voting member may propose an amendment to this Constitution by submitting the proposed change in writing to the Executive Board and Advisor. Proposed amendments must be discussed at a general body meeting before being put to a vote. Amendments are adopted upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of voting members present at the subsequent general body meeting. Approved amendments take effect immediately and must be submitted to the Ohio Union & Student Activities Department for approval within 30 days.