

The Armed Forces Club at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry

Student Organization Constitution

The Ohio State University College of Dentistry

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Full Organization Name:

The Armed Forces Club at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

Purpose Statement:

The Armed Forces Club at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry seeks to promote oral health in the Columbus community in general and the military veteran community specifically, to welcome new military-sponsored students into The Ohio State University College of Dentistry, and to participate in fundraising initiatives for Columbus-area veterans.

Additionally, the objective of the club is to serve as a source of information to prepare members for active duty commitments, including topics such as Military Family Life, Deployment, Military Pay and Benefits, Advanced Training Opportunities, Assignments, and Military Clinical Facilities. The club also supports events to share information about military sponsorship during dental school with pre-dental students.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

The Armed Forces Club 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

The Armed Forces Club 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 Armed Forces Club 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

Membership is open to all full-time, military-sponsored students and students with an interest in military or public service corps at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry, regardless of age, sex, race, disability, or religion.

Section B. Member Selection

All full-time eligible students may become members by expressing interest and paying annual dues. They will also become members by joining our Armed Forces Club GroupMe. Members are free to leave at any time without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.

Section C. Membership Timeline

Club dues shall be payable by October 1 of each school year.

Section D. Member Removal

A vote of no confidence may be held for any member who fails to responsibly hold their position or reflects negatively on the organization.

- A warning is given at least one official meeting prior to a vote.
- A vote of no confidence requires a three-fourths majority of the executive board and faculty advisor approval.
- A successful vote results in removal from meetings, events, and all organizational affiliations.
- One appeal may be made to the executive board for review and potential amnesty.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

The faculty advisor provides oversight, ensures compliance with university policies, and supports the organization's mission and activities.

Section B. Advisor Term

The faculty advisor serves at the discretion of the College of Dentistry and the executive board, continuing until a replacement is appointed or the advisor resigns.

Section C. Advisor Selection

Advisors are selected by majority approval of the executive board, typically from College of Dentistry faculty.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

In the event of resignation or unavailability, the executive board appoints a new advisor with majority approval.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

The executive board consists of four officers:

President (Primary Leader)

- Responsible for all actions of the organization.
- Oversees all activities, events, and communications.
- Sets meeting agendas.

Vice President (President-Elect, Secondary Leader)

- Assists the President and assumes duties in their absence.
- Serves as President the following year.
- Manages room, technical, and facility reservations.

Treasurer

- Manages all financial operations.
- Organizes fundraisers and tracks revenue and expenses.
- Ensures compliance with OSU financial policies.

Secretary

- Handles publicity, flyers, and correspondence.
- Manages social media and website updates.
- Keeps records of all meetings and attendance.

Section B. Officer Eligibility

All members in good standing are eligible to run for office.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

- Officers are elected annually at the last meeting of the spring semester.
- Candidates may self-nominate or be nominated by members.
- Voting is by majority vote of general membership; uncontested candidates must receive two-thirds approval.
- Vacant positions are filled by election at the next meeting.

Section D. Officer Removal

- A vote of no confidence may be held for any officer failing to perform their duties.
- A warning is given one meeting prior.
- A three-fourths majority vote by the executive board removes the officer. ● A unanimous vote (excluding the President) is required to remove the President. ● Appeals may be reviewed by the executive board for amnesty.
- Vacant positions are filled according to the election process above.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

The organization may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the executive board with advisor approval.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

Upon dissolution, the club will use any remaining assets to cover any debts. If the remaining assets do not fully cover the remaining debts, the final cost of the debt will be divided equally among the executive board members and paid. Any excess assets will be donated to a

Veteran organization in the Columbus city limits. The organization receiving the donation will be voted on by the executive board, and must win by unanimous vote.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendment Process

Amendments to this constitution follow the same procedure as the original adoption and require a majority vote of the executive board and approval of the faculty advisor.