

Triota

Student Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Triota, (Iota Iota Iota)

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to encourage and support scholarship and excellence in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at The Ohio State University. The organization strives to maintain feminist values central to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: egalitarianism, inclusiveness, and the celebration of the diversity of marginalized folks' experiences. The organization also works to enhance the experience of students in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and to recognize their academic achievements.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

Triota 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

Triota 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

Triota 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 students regardless of major. Once accepted, no further application will be required for following years, and membership may be revoked following expulsion worthy behavior.

Section B. Member Selection

Membership can be gained by connecting with officers, attending meetings, joining our GroupMe, or showing interest in becoming a member. Members will be selected to join based on the following criteria: alignment with core values and mission of the organization, willingness to participate in meetings, and commitment to maintaining a positive and respectful community environment.

Section C. Membership Timeline

Applications for membership are accepted and encouraged at all times of the year.

Section D. Member Removal

In the rare instance that a complaint of behavior, especially in violation of the Student Code of Conduct, is brought against a member of the organization, members of the group will vote to ask that person to no longer attend meetings. A majority vote will decide.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

The advisor is required to fulfill all duties as established by the Registration Guidelines for Student Organizations, including but not limited to: verifying the organization's information and agreeing to the terms of the Campus Safety Act by signing off CSA funding requests, being listed as a signatory on the organization's checking accounting, attending an advisor certification session once every two years, and signing off on reservations of University space and equipment, as requested by the University department granting the reservation. The advisor is a non-voting member of the organization, serving as a resource for the Executive Board and members.

Section B. Advisor Term

The advisor serves at the discretion of the organization and may continue in the role as long as both the advisor and the organization are in agreement. There is no term length, and the advisor's continued involvement will be reviewed periodically to ensure a mutually beneficial relationship.

Section C. Advisor Selection

The advisor must be a full-time faculty or staff member of the Ohio State University with some expertise in areas related to the organization's mission, such as social justice or feminist thought. Advisor selection is made by the Executive Board via a simple majority vote.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

If the advisor is unable to continue in their role, the Executive Board will notify the organization and begin selecting a new advisor from eligible faculty or staff members. Potential candidates will be chosen based on expertise related to the organization's mission and commitment availability as an advisor. A majority vote from the Executive Board will finalize the replacement, and a transition period will be established to ensure a smooth handover of responsibilities.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

President: The president is responsible for scheduling Triota meetings, creating meeting agendas, and acting as the point of contact for undergraduate students, committee reps, etc.

Secretary: The secretary is responsible for taking minutes at Triota meetings and distributing the minutes via the undergraduate listserv. They are also responsible for keeping track of current members and the attendance at meetings.

Treasurer: The treasurer is responsible for tracking Triota's finances: they record all expenses, as well as submit budget and audit forms. They are also responsible for applying for grants, if applicable.

Section B. Officer Eligibility

Any Women's, Gender, and Sexuality minors or majors are eligible to run for officer positions.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

Elections are held at the end of each academic year. Undergraduate students are permitted to serve on the Executive Committee more than once. Each active member will be allowed to vote. Whoever obtains the most votes for their position will be the officer for the next academic year.

Section D. Officer Removal

In the case of an officer violating the Student Code of Conduct, declared majors and minors may vote to either demote the officer or ask them to no longer attend meetings via majority rule.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

Dissolution may be brought forth by any member of the Executive Board. Current Triota members will vote whether the organization should be dissolved. A majority vote is needed.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

Any debt or assets acquired by Triota will be settled by the current Executive Board. Any remaining assets, such as funds or equipment, will be donated to a nonprofit organization with a similar mission, as determined by the Board and approved by the membership.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendment Process

Proposed Amendments shall be submitted by any member of the organization and distributed in writing to all other members. The Amendment will then be voted on in a general meeting, and may be passed with a two-thirds majority vote.