

The Female Gaze Screening Club

Student Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The Female Gaze Screening Club

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

Our purpose is to provide a space for students who identify as female or gender non-conforming to voice their thoughts and opinions about the portrayal and role of female identifying and gender non-conforming individuals in film, both on screen and behind the camera.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

The Female Gaze Screening 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 Female Gaze Screening 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 Female Gaze Screening 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

Open to any Ohio State student

Section B. Member Selection

Attend one meeting

Section C. Membership Timeline

Open at any time

Section D. Member Removal

Violating our organization's constitution, breaching university regulations, and participating in conduct that is hateful, dangerous, and/or discriminatory are causes for removal. Member removal is decided at the discretion of the acting executive board with the consultation of the organization advisor. For a member to be removed, the executive board must have evidence for cause of removal. Then, the member at risk of removal must be given a reason for potential removal and granted an opportunity to defend themselves. After this occurs, the executive board must consult the organization advisor to discuss the removal process. A vote for removal will subsequently take place. If all members of the acting executive board unanimously agree, the member will be removed.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

Advisor will complete training requirements as well as other administrative requirements and will be available as needed for issues that may arise within the club that warrant faculty involvement

Section B. Advisor Term

Unlimited

Section C. Advisor Selection

To be eligible for becoming the Primary Advisor, candidates must be current members of university faculty or administrative and professional staff. Additionally, candidates must be willing to meet with the acting executive board, virtually or in-person, at least once per academic year. For the selection process, the acting executive board must find a candidate who, preferably, shares an interest in film, pop culture, women's studies, or mass media communications. Once a suitable candidate is found, the executive board must unanimously agree upon the candidate in a vote. If the acting executive board unanimously approves the candidate, the organization's president must contact the candidate. If the candidate agrees to take on the role, the executive board is expected to meet the new advisor and make them aware of their responsibilities.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

In the event of an advisor's resignation or removal, the acting executive board will identify and nominate a new advisor who must be approved by a majority vote of the executive board. The outgoing advisor is expected to provide at least a month's notice of resignation and assist in a smooth transition. If an advisor is removed, the executive board must document reasons for removal and the decision to remove an advisor requires a majority vote of the executive board.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

President: leads meetings, prepares visual aids for meetings, facilitate elections and polls on films, develop programs that invite guest speakers to the Ohio State Univeristy, and delegate any additional tasks to other officers

Vice President: send email updates, assist in developing guest speaker programs, help moderate discussions, lead discussions in the absense of the president

Treasurer: oversee monitoring and allocating funding designated to the club

Secretary: maintain the organization's social media pages

Section B. Officer Eligibility

Must be sophomore standing

Section C. Officer Selection Process

Elected by majority vote, with elections held every school year in April

Section D. Officer Removal

An officer may be removed from their position for failure to perform assigned duties, misconduct, breaching university regulations, and participating in conduct that is hateful, dangerous, and/or discriminatory. The removal process includes a written statement of concern submitted to the advisor by the executive board. The officer must be notified as well and given an opportunity to address the concerns in a meeting with the acting executive board and the advisor. Following the meeting, the acting executive board and advisor will vote on the officer's removal. A unanimous vote is required for removal.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

Dissolution will occur if the organization has less than 5 members, including the executive board, for an entire academic year.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

In the event of a dissolution, the president will request for the Office of Student Life to dissolve the organization. Debts will be paid by the treasurer using club funding. Any residual funds may not be withdrawn by any executive board members for personal uses.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendment Process

Amendments may be proposed by acting executive board members at any time. A member must propose, in writing, the new amendment or the change to the existing amendment. It must be approved by the acting executive board with a 50% majority vote to be enacted into the constitution. The amended constitution must be submitted to the student organization portal by the president.