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CONSTITUTION of
STUDENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Preamble
Our organization strives to better education. In order to do so, we aim to bring educational issues to light in the community and to promote community involvement in supporting education. We thus establish this Constitution for the Students for Educational Excellence (SEE).

Article I. Name of the Organization

Section 1. The name of this organization shall officially be known as Students for Educational Excellence (SEE). This organization is an organization of Bowling Green State University.

Article II. Affiliations with other groups

Article III. Purpose, Aims, Functions of the Organization

Section 1. The primary purpose of Students for Educational Excellence is to encourage educational growth within the community. We aim to support those individuals who value their education.

Section 2. Students for Educational Excellence will also provide the community with information regarding educational issues.

Section 3. Lastly, Students for Excellence in Education is also willing to work with schools in order to provide innovating ways of educating students.

Article IV. Membership Requirements

Section 1. Any Student at Bowling Green State University is eligible to be an active member and may hold office.

Section 2. Non-students may act as associate members, but may not vote, hold office or act on the organization’s behalf at the University.

Section 3. A majority of voting members of this organization may determine reasonable dues and fees assessed to each member at the beginning of each semester.

Section 4. Students for Educational Excellence will not discriminate on the basis of age, color, gender, gender identity, disability status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or weight. Moreover, all members of Students for Educational Excellence will comply with Bowling Green State University’s Code of Student Conduct. A violation of BGSU’s Code of Student Conduct will result in the termination of one’s membership with the group.
Article V. Officers

Section 1. The officers of this student organization are the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. Qualification for Officers:

(1) Officers must be active members of SEE during their entire candidacy.
(2) Officer candidates must be in good standing with the University and have a cumulative or semester GPA of 3.00 or higher for President and 2.75 or higher for Treasurer.

Section 3. The President’s responsibilities are as follows:

(1) Preside over all meetings.
(2) Submit an end of the year report to the Office of Campus Involvement.
(3) Formulate an agenda before meetings.
(4) Work closely with the advisor(s) to improve the organization.
(5) Formulate budgets with the Treasurer and advisor(s).
(6) Service Students for Parental Excellence website.
(7) Count votes for office elections, unless the President is running for office. If treasurer is also running for office, the President will delegate an active member to count the votes.

Section 4. The Vice President shall hold the following responsibilities:

(1) Assist the President with the end of the year report.
(2) Assist the President with servicing the Students for Parental Excellence website.
(3) Count votes for office elections, unless the Vice President is running for office.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall hold the following responsibilities:

(1) Record all financial transactions.
(2) Manage all financial transactions.
(3) Maintain current member records.
(4) Count votes for Vice Presidential elections.

Section 5. The Secretary shall hold the following responsibilities:

(1) Maintain current member records.
(2) Take notes at all meetings and have them available for request.
Section 5. Officer election proceedings and terms of office are as follows:

(1) The officers shall be elected by majority (half of the general membership plus one) of the present general membership by written ballot at a designated meeting of the general membership to be held in the spring of each year. If no candidate is able to obtain the majority, then a runoff election will occur. In the event that more than two candidates were running, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes will be dropped, and a new vote shall be taken. If only two candidates remain, each candidate will be given three minutes of questions and answer followed by 3 minutes of discussion before the next vote is taken.

(2) During elections, each candidate can give up to a three minute speech.

(3) Elections must occur no less than two weeks before exam week. At least two weeks notice by email shall be given before the election meeting.

(4) Individuals may run for multiple offices, however, if one wins an election, their name will be removed from other positions.

(5) Members may run for office if they are nominated by a member. Members can nominate themselves.

(6) The term of office is one academic year.

(7) If an officer position becomes vacant within the first two months of the fall semester, a formal election procedure will be held for the vacant position. If the position becomes vacant outside the aforementioned timeframe, the president will appoint a member to fill the role. If the Presidency becomes vacant, the Treasure will assume the President’s role in either vote counting or making appointments. It is the role of the Primary Advisor to ensure this process happens appropriately.

Section 6. Office removal occurs when any of the following grounds are met:

(1) The general membership may elect to remove an officer by a 2/3 ballot vote.

(2) Failure to maintain minimum GPA.

(3) Officer commits a criminal act.

(4) Failure to execute duties of office.

(5) All accused individuals shall have the right to present their defense to the general membership.

Section 7. Resignation

Any member may resign his or her position at anytime. The resignation becomes effective once it is reported to either the President or Advisor. An election if necessary will be rescheduled.

Article VI. Faculty Staff/ Adviser
Note: This Article should include, but not limited to, all of your advisor responsibilities, terms of service, how to change advisors, and how the advisor is selected.

Section 1. The adviser shall assist the group in their execution of roles and responsibilities.

Section 2. The adviser shall serve as a resource.

Section 3. The adviser should provide advice upon request and share knowledge, expertise, and experience with the group.

Section 4. The adviser will be a nonvoting member of the organization.

Section 5. The adviser’s term of service is one year and is subject to renewal by a majority vote of the organization’s officers within 3 weeks after the election of the organization’s officers.

Section 6. To replace an adviser during an adviser’s term of service, two-thirds majority vote of both the officers and the general membership is needed to remove the existing advisor. There must be one week between the announcement of the vote to remove an adviser and the actual ballot vote. Additionally, the officers must have a replacement ready before the actual vote to remove. The general membership must know who the replacement no less than one day before the vote to remove the standing adviser. The officers will select a new willing adviser by simple majority vote.

Section 7. If the standing adviser must leave their duties, the officers will select a new willing advisor by a simple majority vote.

Article VII. Meetings

Section 1. Students for Educational Excellence shall hold general meetings twice a month. The officers and/or advisor may hold special meetings.

Section 2. The officers and advisor will run general meetings. Each meeting must have an agenda.

Section 3. Officers will meet once a week for an executive meeting to discuss finances and other activities for the group. These meetings must be held prior to the general meetings. Agendas must also be approved by the President.

Section 4. The officers must meet with the advisors no less than once a semester.

Article VIII. Quorum

Section 1. A quorum must be present at any general meeting for any official action to be taken (i.e voting).

Article IX. Referendum and Recall
Section 1. Officers are subject to recall for wrongdoing in office. Recall procedures occur at the request of

Section 2. No less than a one week notice by email is required before any votes can occur unless specified otherwise.

Article X. Amendments

Section 1. Amendments must be submitted to the President in writing or by e-mail one week prior to voting by active members.

Section 2. Voting on amendments must be conducted after a minimum notice by email of 3 days.

Section 3. Amendments to this constitution may be adopted or amended by a 2/3 vote of active members.