

Chinese Students and Scholars Society at the Ohio State University (CSSS) Constitution

Article I – Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization

Section 1: Name

The official name of the organization shall be Chinese Students and Scholars Society at the Ohio State University, hereafter referred to as CSSS.

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to promote the diversity of the Ohio State University and serve the interest of the Chinese students and scholars by hosting events in culture, entertainment, academics and communications to introduce the Chinese culture to all of the Ohio State University students and to help the Chinese students and scholars to adopt to the American culture and society. CSSS also intends to provide and to extend the opportunity of the interaction between the people in the Ohio State University and the people in China. Another major goal of CSSS is to protect the rights of the CSSS members in the Ohio State University and in the United States.

Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individuals for reasons of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, sex, age, handicap, or Vietnam-era veteran status.

Article II – Membership

Active membership shall be limited to the Chinese students and scholars studying or working in the Ohio State University. Any Chinese student or scholar is automatically qualified to be a CSSS member. A CSSS member can withdraw from CSSS by noticing CSSS committee through email. Any Chinese students, scholars and their dependants studying or working in the Ohio State University or any interested people are welcome to participate in the activities held by CSSS.

Article III – Organization Leadership

- (1) The officers shall consist of a duly elected president, two vice-presidents. The officers represent the Executive Committee and general membership.
- (2) The president shall call and preside at meeting of the organization, determine that all duties of the other officers are performed in accordance with the constitution, and promote the function and purpose of the organization.
- (3) The vice-president shall assist the president in the performance of his/her duties and act on their behalf and assume their responsibilities upon the absence of the president.
- (4) The treasurer shall collect the revenues owed the organization and maintain appropriate record.

Article IV – Election Method

- (1) The CSSS member has the right to vote and stand for election. For each election, the CSSS member becomes the voter after registration.
- (2) The members of the executive committee should be elected in the general meetings of the membership, which may be held in autumn and winter quarters. The candidates are either previous committee members or active members.
- (3) Election of president and one vice-president shall be held in the spring quarter. Candidates of president must be current committee members and those who have participated in organizing three activities in the past year. Candidates of vice president are either current committee members or those who have participated in organizing three activities in the past year. The newly elected officers shall assume their positions before the coming autumn quarter.
- (4) The other vice-president shall be elected in the election of the committee in autumn. The departmental secretaries are appointed by president.
- (5) All elected officers of the organization shall serve a term of one year. The president cannot serve for more than 2 years, the vice president not for more than 3 years, and the department secretary not for more than 5 years.

Article V – Executive Committee

This Committee represents the general membership and conducts business of CSSS between general meetings of the membership and reports its actions at the general meetings of the membership. The members of the executive committee should be elected in the general meetings of the membership. Between the general meetings, the executive committee can recruit a new member if he/she is recommended by more than three existing committee members and gets approval of all existing committee members.

Article VI – Adviser

- (1) The adviser of the organization must be a full-time University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff.
- (2) The appointment of the adviser and his/her responsibilities shall be determined by the executive committee.

Article VII – Meetings of the Organization

- (1) One general meeting is required once every quarter except for summer.
- (2) Executive committee meetings should be called and presided by the president or the vice president when the president cannot take the responsibility for some reasons.
- (3) A special executive committee meeting should be called by three or more committee members.
- (4) A decision of a committee meeting is majority-voting based. When there is a tie, the president has the right to make the final decision.

Article VIII – Method of Amending Constitution

Proposed amendments should be proposed by more than ten members and more than four executive committee members, should be read in the executive committee meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should require a three-quarter majority of voting members (a quorum being present).

Disclaimer: This constitution is translated from the Chinese version. If there is any question, please refer to the Chinese version.