Christian Graduate Student Alliance

Constitution

Article I: Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy

Section 1 – Name: Christian Graduate Student Alliance
Affiliated with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

Section 2 – Purpose:

a. Our goal is to develop a supportive community of graduate students committed to spiritual
development, academic excellence, and Christian witness.
b. Our doctrinal basis shall be that of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

Section 3 – Non-discrimination Policy: Participation in the Christian Graduate Student Alliance shall be
open to all members of the university community without distinction. All graduate student participants
shall be eligible for leadership positions who are in good academic standing and who affirm the Doctrinal
Basis and Purpose of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and conduct their lives in accord with the
interpretation of these documents by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

Article II: Membership

Meetings are open to all currently enrolled Ohio State students, their families, and faculty, but there is no
official membership.

Article III: Organization Leadership

Section 1 – Composition: The leadership committee shall consist of a president and at least two other
leaders.

Section 2 – Selection: All leaders shall be appointed from the ranks for an indefinite length of term. All
leaders are in charge of planning weekly meetings, outside speakers, social activities, and other duties
which arise in the course of the year.

Section 3 – Belief: Leaders must comply with the statement of faith of Intervarsity Christian
Fellowship/USA.

Section 4 – Responsibilities:

a. To carry out the purpose, general policies, and program of this organization.
b. To evaluate the various activities of the year.
c. To be responsible for the continuance of this organization from year to year.

Article IV: Adviser

The adviser of Christian Graduate Student Alliance, a full-time member of the University faculty or
Administrative & Professional staff, should oversee the official registration of the group.

Article V: Meetings of the Organization

Meetings shall be weekly throughout each quarter. Attendance is optional for all.

Article VI: Method of Amending Constitution
Section 1 – Method: Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting at which the votes will be taken, and should require a two-thirds majority of people present.

Section 2 – Unamendable Portions of the Constitution: No changes may be made that contradict Article I, Section 2b and Article III, Section 3.

Article VII: Method of Dissolution of Organization

For dissolution of the organization to occur, there must be no president of the group and no members. Any assets will be given to Intervarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

By-Laws

Article I: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this organization and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bible.

Article II: Membership

There is no official membership.

Article III: Appointment of Government Leadership

The current leadership committee shall select people to serve on the leadership committee, although petitions to join the leadership committee will also be accepted.

Leaders must be in compliance with the statement of faith and the doctrinal basis of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship/USA.

Article IV: Adviser Responsibilities

The adviser shall not be unavailable for consultation when necessary.

Article V: Meeting Requirements

There will be weekly regular meetings, except when inconvenient.

Article VI: Method of Amending By-Laws

By-laws may be amended by proposing in writing and reading the change at a general meeting of the membership and then bringing the proposed change up for a vote at the next general meeting with a two-thirds majority vote of people present.