Constitution for
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship
at the Ohio State University

Article I: Name
The name of this organization shall be Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship at The Ohio State University

Article II: Purpose
The purpose of this organization shall be to lead students of the Ohio State University to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, and to help them fulfill God’s will for their lives. This will be accomplished by establishing a community of worship, prayer, fellowship, discipleship, and witness. The community will be engaged in such activities as small group Bible studies, large group worship meetings, large group dialog meetings, retreats and conferences, mission opportunities, and community service.

Article III: Affiliation
Section 1 Campus Affiliation
This organization shall operate according to the most current regulations and policies of the Ohio State University, and in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws regardless of contradictory material that may be in this document.

Section 2 Non-Campus Affiliation
A. The Ohio State University chapter of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship is affiliated with the national organization of Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, Springfield, Missouri.
B. The Ohio State University chapter of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship has a relationship of mutual support and common philosophy with the national organization.
C. The national organization shall grant, upon request and the satisfaction of national requirements, an annual charter of affiliation for Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship of Ohio State University.
D. This organization shall adhere to the regulations and Constitution of the national organization of Chi Alpha Campus Ministries that do not conflict with the regulations and policies of Ohio State University.

Article IV: Nondiscrimination
This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, disability, veterans’ status, or political affiliation.

Article V: Membership
Section 1 The President of this Chapter must be a Full-time student of Ohio State University.

Section 2 All remaining officers of this organization shall be full-fee-paying undergraduate or graduate students of Ohio State University. These members shall be considered active members with the rights and responsibilities thereof.

Section 3 All voting members of this organization shall (1) be undergraduate or graduate students of Ohio State University, (2) carry a minimum of three credit hours, These members shall be considered active members with the rights and responsibilities thereof.
Section 4 Faculty/staff of Ohio State University and community members may be associate members but may not vote or hold office.

Section 5 All active members shall have the right to hold non-officer leadership positions, as appointed by the Executive Council. All active members shall have the responsibility to abide by (1) a Biblically compatible lifestyle and (2) the provisions of the constitution and bylaws of this organization.

Section 6 At least 51% of the total membership shall (1) be fee-paying students of Ohio State University, (2) maintain a minimum of three credit hours, and (3) be in compliance with all Ohio State University policies.

Article VI: Removal of Members

Section 1 Grounds for removal: Any member not fulfilling his/her duties as outlined in this Constitution, Article V or in the Bylaws of this organization, to the satisfaction of the Executive Council may be removed from membership. In addition, the Executive Council reserves the right to remove and bar any participant from Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship meetings for the reason(s) of spreading discord or disharmony, physical and/or verbal violence, and/or threatening behavior.

Section 2 Notice of charges: Before the Executive Council will hear a motion to remove a member, it will require the involved parties to follow the model of problem solving outlined in Matthew 18:15-17. The first step of this model requires one-on-one confrontation between the offended and offending parties. If this does not correct the situation, the offended party must take two or three witnesses to confront the offending party again. If the problem is not yet resolved, the third step is for the offended party to bring charges against the offending party before the Executive Council. If the matter is not settled with the Executive Council, the motion to remove the member must be presented to the entire voting membership at least one week before the meeting at which the removal vote shall take place. A motion to remove can only be initiated by a member of the Executive Council.

Section 3 Right to a fair hearing: The member subject to removal shall have the right to present his/her case to the voting membership present at the meeting at which the removal vote shall take place.

Section 4 Right to appeal: Appeals relating to the removal of members shall be done through the Executive Council Judiciary (Made up of Student Officers, Small Group Leaders and under the oversight of professional staff as needed). Appeals must be made within two weeks after the vote for removal has taken place.
Section 5 Form of vote: All voting for the removal of members shall be done by secret ballot. A 2/3 vote of the voting membership shall be required for removal of any member.

Article VII: Executive Council

Section 1 There shall be an Executive Council of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship of Ohio State University consisting of those offices necessary to carry out the objectives of the organization.

Section 2 Membership on the Executive Council shall consist of any and all full-time Advisor(s), the Officers: ie. President, Secretary, Treasurer and all other coordinator positions, ie. the Prayer Coordinator, the Fellowship Coordinator, the Evangelism Coordinator, the Worship Coordinator, and the Outreach Coordinator. It will also include all student small group leaders. It will be chaired by the Campus Director.

Section 3 Quorum of the Executive Council shall consist of ¾ of members.

Section 4 Motions dealing with amendments and the removal of officers will require a 2/3 majority vote of the Executive Council present.

Article VIII: Rules of Procedure of Executive Council Business Meetings

Section 1 All Executive Council members are expected to attend all possible meetings.

Section 2 There shall be regular Executive Council business meetings at such times as are deemed best to further the purpose of this organization, but not less than once every quarter.

Section 3 Minutes shall be kept on every business meeting by the Secretary (or someone appointed for that purpose by the Secretary). All minutes shall be made available for voting membership of the organization.

Section 4 The most recent version of Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised shall be recognized as the authority on procedure and rules not covered by this constitution and its bylaws.

Article IX: Advisor(s)

Section 1 The faculty advisor shall hold an active part in the direction of the student organization Chi Alpha’s faculty Advisor is Dr. Robert DiSilvestro. Disilvestro.1@osu.edu

Section 2 The Campus Director and Associate Staff advisor(s) shall operate as the liaison between Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship of Ohio State University and Chi Alpha Campus Ministries nationally.
Article X: Officers

Section 1 Elected Officers: The officers of this organization shall be:
A. President
B. Vice-president
C. Treasurer
C. Any additional Coordinators deemed necessary.

Section 2 Qualifications
A. The President must be a full-fee paying student at Ohio State University.
B. All remaining officers must be fee-paying students at Ohio State University, carrying a minimum of three credit hours.
C. All officers shall (1) abide by a Biblically compatible lifestyle, (2) abide by the provisions of the constitution and bylaws of this organization, (3) and maintain a minimum of 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

Section 3 Term of office: An officer shall serve for one year from his/her swearing-in, or until his/her successor is appointed or elected.

Section 4 Election of officers
A. Nominations will be taken in writing from any active member within four weeks before the election.
B. All officers shall be elected to office by a simple majority of the Executive Council present at the annual election meeting in April or May.
C. All voting for officers shall be done by voice vote.

Section 6 Vacancies: Any vacancy in office shall be filled by an appointment of the Executive Council. The new officer shall complete the current term.

Article XI: Removal of Officers

Section 1 Grounds for removal: Any officer not fulfilling his/her duties as outlined in this Constitution, Article VII, Sections 2 and 4, or in the Bylaws of this organization, to the satisfaction of the Executive Council may be removed from office.

Section 2 Notice of charges: Before the Executive Council will hear a motion to remove an officer, it will require the involved parties to follow the model of problem solving outlined in Matthew 18:15-17. The first step of this model requires one-on-one confrontation between the offended and offending parties. If this does not correct the situation, the offended party must take two or three witnesses to confront the offending party again. If the problem is not yet resolved, the third step is for the offended party to bring charges against the offending party before the Executive Council. The motion to remove the officer must be presented to the Executive Council.
Council at least one week before the meeting at which the removal vote shall take place. A motion to remove can only be initiated by a member of the Executive Council.

Section 3 Right to a fair hearing: The officer subject to removal shall have the right to present his/her case to the Executive Council present at the meeting at which the removal vote shall take place.

Section 4 Form of vote: All voting for the removal of officers shall be done by secret ballot. A 2/3 vote of the Executive Council shall be required for removal of any officer. An officer may not vote on his/her own removal.

Article XII: Organizational Meetings

Section 1 To conduct business at an organizational meeting, a simple majority of the voting membership must be present.

Section 2 Motions dealing with the removal of members will require a 2/3 majority vote of the voting membership present.

Section 3 The most recent version of Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised shall be recognized as the authority on procedure and rules not covered by this constitution.

Section 4 Frequency of meetings
   A. Weekly main meetings: This organization shall meet at least once a week, when classes are in session.
   B. Emergency meetings: The President may call emergency meetings when deemed necessary. The total voting membership shall be notified of this meeting in writing at least two days prior to meeting.

Article XIII: Financial Support
Funding of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship at Ohio State University shall come from voluntary individual contributions and fund-raising projects.

Article XIV: Distribution of Finances
No part of the net earnings of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, trustees, officers, advisors, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof.

Article XV: Amendments
Section 1 This constitution may be amended at any regular or special business session of the organization by a 2/3 majority vote of those Executive Council members present, provided that a written statement shall have been read
and distributed to the organization’s active membership and deposited with the Executive Council at least 14 days prior to the date of voting.

Section 2 A proposed amendment must be adopted in accordance Ohio State policies

Article XVI: Process for Dissolution
Upon dissolution of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship of Ohio State University, the Executive Council shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the organization, dispose of all the assets of the organization exclusively for the purposes of the organization as set forth in Article II hereof, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, and/or organizations organized to further the gospel of Jesus Christ. Any assets not disposed of by the Executive Council shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said court will determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.