Central Ohio Student Advocates for the Arts (COSAA)

Constitution

May 2004

Article 1 - The Name of the Organization
The name of this organization is Central Ohio Student Advocates for the Arts (COSAA).

Article II - Affiliations
Section 1: Student Advocates for the Arts (SAA) is a national student organization with headquarters in the Program in Arts Administration at Teachers College, Columbia University. The Columbia chapter serves as a model and mentor, however, will maintain no authority over COSAA.

Section 2: Ohio Citizens for the Arts (OCA) and the Ohio Arts Education Alliance (OAEA) serve as founding partners.

Article III - Mission
COSAA will educate students about legislation and policy affecting the arts at the local, state, and national levels. Acting as a conduit, we will unify and mobilize student advocates to bring about positive change in the arts community. We will provide a platform for students to engage in critical debate of arts advocacy issues.

Article IV - Membership
Section 1: COSAA is affected by the policies adopted by The Ohio State University Board of Trustees and follows the current non-discrimination policy of The Ohio State University.

Section 2: Members will be welcome on an ongoing basis. Students and alumni from institutions throughout Central Ohio are invited to be a part of COSAA.

Section 3: Active participation in the form of attendance at quarterly training meetings is required to maintain voting privileges and free membership to OCA.

Article V – Officers
Section 1: COSAA will have the following executive officers: Coordinator, Treasurer/Secretary, Arts Education liaison, Visual Arts liaison, Performing Arts liaison, and Institutional Outreach liaison.

Section 2: Officers will be nominated and elected by members of COSAA. Members will be allowed to nominate themselves for office. The nomination process and elections will be held once annually, during the month of May, at an open meeting.

Article VI - Advisor
The executive committee shall select a faculty advisor for COSAA.
Article VII - Meetings
Section 1: An open meeting is held annually in May to nominate and elect officers.

Section 2: The executive committee of COSAA will hold an open meeting once a month. The treasurer will report on finances and committees will report on issues and action plans.

Section 3: Additional meetings, actions, and gatherings will be held as needs arise.

Article VIII - Quorum
The presence of a majority of elected officers is required to conduct official business. In the case of an insufficient quorum, members are allowed to vote by proxy.

Article IX - Amendments
Amendments to the Constitution are proposed by written submission of the amendment to the Coordinator. Once a proposal for an amendment is submitted, the Coordinator is responsible for notifying all members of the organization at least 1 week prior to holding a meeting in which a vote will be taken on said amendment. At this meeting, a vote will be taken on the proposed amendment, and favorable majority vote is required to pass the amendment.

Article X - Ratification
See Article IX for the procedure used in ratifying the constitution.

Hereby signed and approved by:

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Coordinator                                      Print Name

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Officer 1                                       Print Name

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Officer 2                                       Print Name

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Officer 3                                       Print Name