

# CONSTITUTION

## **Article I.**

The name of our organization is “**Students for Life**”.

## **Article II.**

We are not formally affiliated with any other local, state, or national group.

## **Article III.**

We are a nonprofit, non-sectarian, educational organization of students at the University of Toledo Health Science Campus, and fee-paying visiting students from the University of Toledo (UT) or Bowling Green State University (BGSU), who promote respect and legal protection for each human life at every stage of biological development, from conception until natural death.

Our purpose is to present fully detailed and factual information upon which individuals may make an informed decision about various life-related topics, such as fetal development, abortion, alternatives to abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia.

## **Article IV.**

Other than the normal student fees that each student is required to pay to the University of Toledo Health Science Campus, there are no fees to join. All students and staff are welcome, as well as paying visiting students from UT or BGSU. Students must attend or vote in at least fifty percent of the business meetings in order to stay active.

## **Article V.**

The Executive Board will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Risk Assessment Chair, and Publicist; all of whom will be elected each spring for the following academic year. The President may deem two persons to fill any one role in the Executive Board to foster an environment of teamwork within the organization, such as Co-Presidents. IN addition, there will be from one to four first year representatives, depending on the level of interest in the first year class. There may also be up to two representatives for each program at the University of Toledo Health Science Campus, such as the College of Nursing, College of Allied Health, and College of Graduate Studies. All representatives shall be elected at the second business meeting for the term of that same academic year. If for any reason there are any open positions in the Executive Board for the current academic year, the president may allow for a special election at or before the first business meeting to elect a member to that position.

## **Article VI.**

Our faculty advisor shall be Dr. Lawrence Elmer. In the event of the need for a new faculty advisor, the Executive Board shall appoint one.

**Article VII.**

In order to conduct business, at least one quarter of the active members in Medical Students for Life should be present. If the Executive Board determines that this is not possible, they may use their discretion and make decisions for the group.

Business meetings may be conducted via email (E meetings), should the Executive Board determine that a formal meeting is unnecessary. Approval of the constitution and By-Laws may be done via email, where it is assumed that the email address given by each member will only be used by the Students for Life member. The Constitution and By-Laws are better to read at one's own discretion, which is allowed by electronic voting.

**Article VIII.**

Organizational meetings will be held at least twice a semester in the fall and spring. This includes so-called "E-meetings" outlined above in Article VII. The Executive Board will call all meetings.

**Article IX.**

Referenda and Recall will be handled by a majority vote of at least fifty percent of the active members, either in the standard "Yay" or "Nay" format in person, or via email.

**Article X.**

Amendments can be proposed by any Executive Board member, or by any member with the support of at least one Executive Board member. Amendments will be voted upon according to Article IX, and will require a two-thirds majority for passage.

**Article XI.**

Current members of the Executive Board shall review and approve the Constitution each fall.

**By-Laws**

- A. The only requirement for membership is that a person be either a permanent, temporary, or fee-paying visiting student at the University of Toledo Health Science Campus, or a staff member at the University of Toledo Health Science Campus. Continued membership requires attendance at a minimum of half of the business meetings, or notification of a member of the Executive Board of one's inability to attend but continued desire to remain active.
- B. Resignation of any board member requires a written letter explaining the move, which must be given to every board member. An officer can also be removed from a position for not fulfilling his or her duties. This procedure requires written warning to the person to be removed at least one week prior to the removal, as decided by unanimous vote of the remaining Executive Board members. If after a week, the Board still wishes to remove this person,

- a second unanimous vote is required. The vacant position can be filled, or not, at the discretion of the board members.
- C. All active and eligible members have the right to participate in all organizational events and activities. They also have the right to not participate, but realize that they must meet the minimum participation requirements discussed in Article IV of the Constitution.
  - D. There are no dues.
  - E. Duties of the Executive Board are as follows:
    - a. President – Shall be in charge of running the organization, deciding on initiatives and events for the year, and overseeing all group activities.
    - b. Vice-President – Shall assist the President in his or her duties and organize the election of new officers, except for when a special election is requested.
    - c. Secretary – Shall be in charge of taking minutes and vote tallies for all meetings. He or she will be responsible for reserving rooms for events and meetings.
    - d. Treasurer – Shall be in charge of all exchanges of money with the University of Toledo Health Science Campus and our members.
    - e. Risk Assessment Chair – Shall be in charge of assessing risk to all events sponsored by Students for Life and file all necessary paperwork to the Office of Student Life for sponsored events.
    - f. Publicity Chair – He or she will be in charge of the bulletin board. They will take the responsibility of advertising for all events. He or she will be responsible for submitting information to the University of Toledo Health Science Campus yearbook about Medical Students for Life.
  - F. The above Executive Board will be elected by majority vote. If any position is open, then another member of the Executive Board must perform those duties until a new officer is elected from the incoming membership. The term for each Board member is the current academic year. All representatives will not be considered part of the Executive Board, but their input and comments should be appreciated and noted.
  - G. Since the Executive Board shall by default consist of one of each officer indicated above, duplicate positions (e.g., co-presidents) may be elected if a majority of the active membership votes, via “Yay” or “Nay”, to do so.
  - H. Committees may be formed by the Executive Board as need arises.
  - I. The order of business for conducting meetings shall consist of the secretary reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting, the president’s summary of any Executive Board meetings in the interim since the previous business meeting, a financial report from the treasurer (if necessary), and then the conduction of new business.
  - J. Active members, as defined in Article IV of the Constitution, may vote.