

Gay Straight Alliance Constitution

Article I- Name

The official name of the organization is Gay Straight Alliance (GSA).

Article II- Purpose/Goals

1. Gay Straight Alliance is safe and inclusive organization for students.
2. Members of GSA will support and be an outlet for one another and for all students on campus.
3. Group members will talk about issues related to sexual orientation and how to lessen the isolation of LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning) students and to create a more supportive inclusive campus environment and culture.
4. Raise awareness of social injustices based on sexual orientation through educational programming, dialogue and any other format we deem appropriate.

Article III - Membership

1. Membership is open to all faculty, staff and students at Miami University without discrimination on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, or sexual orientation.
2. Membership is open to all students on campus regardless of the number of credits a student is carrying.
3. Faculty, staff, and members of the greater community may join as associate, non-voting members. Only student members are eligible to vote on any matters pertaining to the organization.
4. Membership is achieved by completing an enrollment form and attending at least one meeting per semester.
5. Only students enrolled at Miami University Hamilton can hold officer positions in the organization.

Article IV - Quorum

1. The quorum for GSA will consist of half of the student membership on file.
2. The quorum will need to be met for any type of formal business or vote to be conducted.

Article V - Officers

1. The President will:
 - a. Set an agenda for regular meetings for the club members.
 - b. Be responsible for holding meetings for the officers meetings when necessary.
 - c. Attend all meetings and events.
 - d. Have knowledge of all meetings, events, and general business of GSA.
2. The Vice President will:
 - a. Attend all meetings and assist the President when needed.
 - b. Be responsible for coordinating a schedule of activities and events that are in the best interest of the club.

- c. Maintain an ongoing list of club members.
3. The Secretary will:
 - a. Inform all the members of GSA with information of new activities, events, members, and updates involving the club.
 - b. Keep a documented summary of each meeting and event.
 - c. Assist the President when needed.
4. The Treasurer will:
 - a. Keep track of all budgetary transactions made through or by GSA.
 - b. Keep a documented summary of GSA's balance and provide a budget report to the officers at every meeting.
 - c. Assist the President when needed.

Article VI - Election of Officers

1. Within no more than the course of two meetings, officers shall be both nominated and elected by majority in a confidential ballot vote.
2. Only members of GSA who are students at Miami University may submit a vote.
3. Elections will be held at the beginning of each academic year or when a position needs to be filled.
4. The term of all officers will be one year. However, the same individual may hold office for more than one year.

Article VII - Replacement of Officers

1. Succession of officers – If an officer is unable to complete a term in office, he or she may resign and be replaced in an election by a simple majority vote cast by a quorum of student members.
2. Any member of the Gay Straight Alliance may be impeached or removed from membership.
 - a. Impeachment charges may be proffered against a member by a minimum of two members of the club.
 - b. The event that the President is the charged individual, the charges will be presented to the Vice President.
 - c. The charged member will be notified in writing a minimum of seven days prior to the hearing in front of the members.
 - d. Members may be removed by the approval of at least 60% of a quorum present and voting.

Article VIII - Advisors

1. One or more advisors will be selected by the organization to serve a one-year term. An advisor should be a faculty or staff member.
2. An advisor may serve consecutive terms.
3. The advisor will help the officers arrange topics of discussion for meetings, help plan activities, and keep club members informed of university policy.
4. Advisors may be replaced by a 75% majority of votes cast by a quorum of student members.

Article IX - Meetings

1. Meetings will be held at least twice a month during the fall and spring semesters.
2. A quorum must be present if any business is conducted. A quorum is not required if a meeting consists solely of a discussion and/or presentation.

Article X - Amendments and Revisions

1. There will be an annual review of the constitution at the beginning of each fall semester prior to the election of new officers.
2. Any member may propose an amendment to the constitution. The proposal must be distributed to all members and voted on at a meeting held no sooner than one week after the distribution of the proposal.
3. A change in the constitution requires a 75% vote of a quorum present and voting.