

Constitution of the Health Science Graduate Association

Article I: Name

1. The name of the organization shall be the University of Cincinnati Health Science Graduate Association (HSGA).

Article II: Purpose

1. The purpose of the HSGA is to promote communication and support issues important to graduate students in the College of Allied Health and the College of Medicine, as well as to provide representation to the Deans of the above mentioned colleges.
2. The secondary purpose of the HSGA is to sponsor and cultivate support for local charities and service events by organizing opportunities for graduate students to volunteer time, money, or any other resources to such organizations and events.

Article III: Membership

1. There shall be two (2) classes of members: voting and non-voting.
2. Voting members shall consist of two (2) elected/appointed students from each active department/graduate program in the College of Allied Health and the College of Medicine.
3. Non-voting membership shall be open to any graduate student and any member of the University faculty or administrative staff of the above mentioned Colleges.
4. There shall be no limit on the size of the membership of the HSGA.

Article IV: Officers

1. The officers of HSGA shall be President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, Student Representative to the Committee on Graduate Education, Webmaster, Social Chair, and Community Service Chair.
2. An officer must be a matriculated student and be in good standing with her/his college.
3. All officers serve for a term of one (1) year, or until their successor shall be duly elected and qualified.
4. Any officer who, during the term of his/her office ceases to be a voting member, fails to maintain his/her office, or fails to maintain his/her status as a matriculating graduate student in good academic and disciplinary standing within his/her respective college, shall be removed from his/her office and a replacement shall be elected.

Article V: Meetings

1. Regular Meetings of the HSGA shall be held at a minimum of twice per academic quarter. The Executive Board, with the approval of the voting members, shall determine the time for such meetings.
2. Special meetings of the HSGA may be called at any time by the Executive Board upon one

week's notice to each member or by a petition of a majority of the membership, submitted one week before the scheduled meeting.

Article VI: University Advisor

1. The HSGA shall have a University Advisor who shall be a full-time member of the faculty, staff, or administration of the College of Medicine. The University Advisor shall be selected by the Executive Board.

Article VII: Amendments

1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a member of the HSGA following notice in writing of such proposed amendment to the executive board prior to the meeting in which the amendment will be discussed. The amendment will be voted on at that meeting or by no later than the following meeting providing the required number of voting members is present.
2. Amendments to this Constitution shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of all voting members present from active departments/graduate programs.

Article VIII: Ratification

1. Ratification by three fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the charter members of the HSGA shall be sufficient to establish this constitution between said members so ratifying and with the approval of the appropriate governing board.