CONSTITUTION
OF THE
STUDENT OSTEOPATHIC
INTERNAL MEDICINE
ASSOCIATION

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PREAMBLE

This constitution is adopted subject to the approval of the Executive Council of the Faculty. Its provisions shall be duly carried out in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, and shall become incumbent upon the Student Osteopathic Internal Medicine Association immediately upon its acceptance thereby.

For the purpose of this document, the following terms will be used:

SOIMA:

All members of the Student Osteopathic Internal Medicine Association.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Elected/appointed members of the SOIMA.

INCOMING FIRST YEARS:

Those students who have not yet arrived at KCOM or who have not yet completed one quarter of study.

FIRST YEARS:

Those students who have completed at least one quarter of study at KCOM, but have not completed the first year of study.

OUTGOING SECOND YEARS:

Those students who have completed one year, and will begin rotations within the coming year.
ARTICLE I: The Name and Duties of the Association

Section 1: This organization shall be known as the Student Osteopathic Internal Medicine Association (SOIMA) of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM).

Section 2: Every member of this Association must be a student at the KCOM.

Section 3: The Executive Committee shall act as a liaison to the SOIMA, the Faculty, the Administration, and the Board of Trustees.

Section 4: The SOIMA members shall voluntarily attend rounds with the Internal Medicine Department.

ARTICLE II: Members of the Executive Committee

Section 1: The representative body of this association shall be known as the Executive Committee.

Section 2: The members of the Executive Committee shall be the President, Vice-president, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 3: The tenure of office shall be until the successors shall be duly elected and installed.

Section 4: Only one Executive Committee position may be held per person.

Article III: Elections of Executive Committee Officers

Section 1: Election of Officers

All SOIMA officers shall be elected from either the first or the second year class, during the first meeting in March. Each candidate shall be nominated from the floor, and each nomination must be seconded. Each candidate shall have the opportunity to make a short speech expressing their desire to fill the vacant office. If no person receives a majority of ballots cast (51%), then the person who receives the greater number of votes shall be elected to the vacant office.
Section 2: Tenure of Office

The tenure of office shall be until the successors shall be duly elected and installed. If an office becomes vacant for any reason, the position shall be filled by special election at the next meeting.

Article III: Removal of Association Officers

Section 1: Removal of Executive Committee Officers

Any SOIMA member may file a petition for the removal of an Executive Officer. To be valid, the petition must list the signatures of at least 50 percent of the SOIMA membership.

The petition must then be presented to the Executive Committee for validity. If the petition is valid, the President shall inform the SOIMA membership at a special meeting called at the earliest opportunity.

Prior to a vote, each party shall have five (5) minutes to present his/her case. The party who is initiating the charges shall present his/her case first.

The vote shall be conducted by secret ballot after both parties have been heard. The vote shall be conducted and tallied by the President and Vice-president. If the charges are against the President or the Vice-president, then the vote shall be tallied by the Treasurer and the Secretary. For the removal of the officer named in the petition, a majority of fifty-one (51) percent or greater of the present members must be in favor of removal.

Anytime during the aforementioned proceedings but prior to the vote for removal, the person(s) who filed the petition may withdraw the petition provided such action meets with the approval of the majority of the voting members who signed the petition.

Any office vacated shall be filled as follows:

1. The office of President shall be assumed by the Vice-president.
2. The vacancy of any other office shall be filled by a special election held at the next monthly meeting. This election shall be held as stipulated by Article III, Section 1.

**Article IV: SOIMA Meetings**

**Section 1: Time of Meeting**

SOIMA Meetings will be held monthly while classes are in session, in accordance with the Organization President’s Committee’s scheduling. No specific number of meetings will be required. Emergency meetings can be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee, and will be announced at least two (2) days prior to the meeting time.

**Section 2: Place of Meeting**

The place of the meeting shall be on campus as designated by the President.

**Section 3: Executive Committee Meetings**

The President shall have the option to call a special meeting (at his/her discretion) of the Executive Committee. This meeting will only consist of the President, Vice-president, Treasurer, and Secretary.

**Article V: Faculty Advisors**

**Section 1: Faculty Advisors**

The SOIMA shall have faculty advisors.

**Article VI: Amendments to the Constitution**

**Section 1: Proposal/Passage of Amendments**

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any member of the SOIMA if concurred with by a petition of fifty (50) percent of the SOIMA.
A two-thirds (67%) majority vote of the SOIMA shall be necessary to carry the amendment.

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ARTICLE I: Voting in Executive Committee Meetings

Section 1: Officer Voting

In the event that the President calls an Executive Committee Meeting, and an issue is brought up that requires voting on, each member of the Executive Committee shall cast one vote apiece. Each member's vote is equal in relation to any other member's vote. In case of a 2-2 tie, the tie shall be decided by the President.