BIOETHIKOS

SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES | COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

CONSTITUTION 2017-2018

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be "Bioethikos".

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of Bioethikos is to provide a medium for students to:

1. *Explore interdisciplinary bioethical areas further in-depth*
2. *Engage in thoughtful discussions focused on various bioethical subjects*
3. *Organize to attend events related to bioethics in New York and elsewhere*
4. *Interconnect the greater Columbia University graduate communities who are interested in bioethics*

Article III - Membership

The membership of this club will consist of students of good character and interest in domestic and global bioethical issues. In compliance with Columbia 's Nondiscrimination Statement, this organization shall not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, age, or sexual orientation.

Club membership will consist of: Full board (Executive board and Founding members) and General members.

A member must be a current Columbia University graduate student (full-time or part-time). A member may be considered in "good standing" within the club, as defined by the executive board.

Article IV - Executive board officers and Founding members

The executive board ("e-board") officers and founding members of this club will establish and maintain the club goals, and serve as the liaison to SPS administration. Founding members are the initial students who developed the logistics and foundation of the club in 2017, but who are not on the e-board. Together, the e-board and the founding members are called the "full board".

Founding member qualifications are as follows. A founding member must:

1. Be a current Columbia University SPS student (full-time or part-time)
2. Be in "good academic standing" with the University

The executive board will consist of five officers: One President, One Vice President, One Treasurer, and Two Secretaries.

E-board officer qualifications are as follows. An e-board officer must:

1. Be a current Columbia University SPS student (full-time or part-time)
2. Be in "good academic standing" with the University
3. Be selected to a the e-board through guidelines outlined in the club By-Laws
    a. Positions will be filled, as necessary, at the end of each semester.

4. Attend 80% of the events and full board meetings planned for the semester
    a. Failure to do so and/or to fulfill e-board or POC duties may result in loss of position on the e-board

Article V - Meetings

The club shall not meet less than once per month, at a time and place most suited to the club members. The content of each meeting will vary, based on the requests of the club members, and at the discretion of the full board. Minutes of the meetings shall be taken by the secretaries and provided to the active members, as well as the advisor, within one week of the meeting.

Article VI - Acceptance of Constitution and By-Laws

Every member of the club, by acceptance of membership thereby accepts the principles of this club, as expressed in its purpose, and agrees to comply with the constitution and by-laws of this club, and on these conditions alone is entitled to the privileges of the club. No member shall be absolved from the observance of the constitution and by-laws on the plea that a copy of them has not been received.