

# CONSTITUTION FOR *XYZ Organization*

## PREAMBLE

We, the members of the *XYZ Organization*, subscribing to the regulations and policies of the University of Georgia, establish this Constitution to govern the matters within our organization.

## ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization is "*XYZ Organization*" or "XYZ."

## ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of XYZ at UGA shall be:

- A. To provide a means for students at UGA to meet and interact.
- B. To provide a forum for discussion and appreciation of our general interest.
- C. To provide a place to participate in various interactions, and plan events tailored to our organizational interests.

## ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership shall be limited to currently enrolled University of Georgia students, faculty, and/or staff members.
- B. Dues are not necessary to be a member of the organization.
- C. In addition to voting privileges, membership privileges include, but are not limited to:
  - i. Free admission to our annual XYZ Organization Event;
  - ii. The opportunity to socialize with students with similar interests.

## ARTICLE IV: NON-DISCRIMINATION

- A. Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, must be extended to all students without regard to race, color, sex (including sexual harassment and pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity or national origin, religion, age, genetic information, disability, or veteran status.

However, religious student organizations will not be denied registration solely because they limit leadership positions to students who share the same religious beliefs.

- B. Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, must be extended to all students as stated in the [University of Georgia Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy](#). Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects people from discrimination based on race, color or national origin in programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance. Title IX states that: No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

## ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

- A. All officers must be current students, enrolled full-time at the University of Georgia, and in good academic standing.
- B. Terms of office: one year, with elections for following year occurring in March
- C. Term limits: officers may hold office for no more than 3 consecutive years.

- D. There are three (3) officers of this organization, which shall consist of the President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Officers must be full-time students in good academic standing.
  - i. President:
    - a. Presides over all meetings;
    - b. Serves as coordinator for all organizational responsibilities and activities, and delegates necessary tasks to executive board members.
  - ii. Vice President:
    - a. Assists president in all duties;
    - b. Presides over meetings when president is absent.
  - iii. Treasurer:
    - a. Retains complete financial records;
    - b. Completes written financial report at end of academic term;
    - c. Presides over meetings when both President and Vice President are absent.

#### **ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS**

- A. Elections will occur every year in March.
- B. Candidates must be current students, enrolled full-time at UGA, and in good academic standing.
- C. Candidates are elected by majority vote.
  - i. Only currently enrolled students may vote in elections.
- D. Winning candidates will take office in May.

#### **ARTICLE VII: OFFICER REMOVAL**

- A. To remove an officer from the executive board, a motion signed by at least two current student members can be brought to the existing executive board.
- B. The executive board will then inform the officer in question, and hold an anonymous vote without the officer present.
- C. If 2/3 membership votes to remove the officer, he will be removed from office, effective immediately.
  - i. Only currently enrolled UGA students may vote in officer removal.
- D. No appeals process will be available.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS**

- A. General body meetings shall be held weekly, and additional officer meetings or event meetings may be scheduled by the President.
- B. Quorum is 51% of student membership.
  - i. Quorum must be met for any vote to be valid (e.g.: elections, officer removal, amendments, etc.), or for any official business to be transacted.

#### **ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS**

- A. Amendments may be proposed by any student member of the organization.
- B. Proposed amendments must be brought to the executive board, who will hold a vote at the next general body meeting.
- C. Amendments are passed by 2/3 vote of student membership.

#### **ARTICLE X: ADVISOR(S)**

- A. XYZ Organization shall have one (1) faculty advisor who shall be an ex-officio member with no voting privileges.

- B. Advisor(s) shall provide counsel in organizational activities and events, and offer advice when student membership requires assistance.
- C. Advisor(s) can be removed by a 2/3 vote of membership.