

# *Constitution of the Libertarian Activist Network*

## **Article I. Name**

The name of this organisation shall be the Libertarian Activist Network (hereafter referred to as "the Network").

## **Article II. Purpose**

The purpose of the Network shall be to promote the principles of Libertarianism among the students at the University of Florida and throughout Alachua County, to increase membership in the Network, the Libertarian Party, and the Free State Project, to provide a forum for discussion and growth of the Libertarian Party, to aid in the election of Libertarian candidates at all levels of government, and to develop strong leadership abilities and political skills among Libertarian students.

## **Article III. Membership**

Full membership is open to all registered students at the University of Florida; however, faculty, staff and student spouses may be associate members who cannot vote or hold office.

## **Article IV. Membership Dues**

The Network shall not require dues from members, however donations are appreciated.

## **Article V. Elected Officers**

### ***Section 1.***

The elected officers of the Network, which shall serve as the Executive Committee, shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian.

### ***Section 2.***

The President shall preside over meetings of the Network and all meetings of Network officers; shall be a member on all standing and temporary committees; shall plan the activities of the Network; and shall represent the Network in official capacity.

### ***Section 3.***

The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President; shall carry out responsibilities as assigned by the President; and shall represent the Network at the regular meetings of local organisations with which the Network may choose to work.

### ***Section 4.***

The Treasurer shall make financial reports at all regular Network meetings; shall coordinate fund raising activities; shall prepare a budget for the next academic semester; shall ensure compliance with all governmental laws and regulations governing finances; shall receive and distribute Network funds

upon authorization of the President, unless in excess of \$50.00. Expenditures in excess of \$50.00 must be authorized by the Executive Committee. Any Network member or officer seeking reimbursement shall turn in a receipt to the treasurer. The treasurer shall accept receipts for purpose of reimbursement no later than 90 calendar days from the date of purchase.

***Section 5.***

The Secretary shall record, prepare, and make available to all members, the minutes of all regular Network meetings; shall maintain current information on Network officers, including phone numbers and e-mail addresses; shall maintain a membership list of active and non-active members; shall coordinate the transfer of files and records to subsequent Network secretaries; and shall make available copies of such records to any member, given a reasonable amount of notice.

***Section 6.***

The Historian shall be present at the majority of events and protests carried out by the Network so that he or she may photograph, film, or otherwise record the activities which take place .

**Article VI. Election of Officers**

***Section 1.***

The nominations for each office shall occur in a meeting called by the current officers at least three weeks in advance of the last regular business meeting of the Network during the Spring Semester of each academic year.

***Section 2.***

Once nominations have been made and the floor closed to nominations, the Secretary will notify all Network members no later than 7 days before the election date, as to all the candidates.

***Section 3.***

Nominations for candidates for Network officers positions may be made from the floor by any Network member in good standing as determined by the Executive Committee.

***Section 4.***

Election of officers shall be held on the last business meeting of the Spring semester of each academic year.

***Section 5.***

Officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote of those registered Network members present and who are in good standing with the Network as determined by the Executive Committee. No proxy votes are allowed. The election shall be collected by secret ballot. New members must attend a minimum of five meetings before being extended voting rights.

***Section 6.***

In the event of a tie, a recast of ballots shall then take place.

***Section 7.***

Election of all offices shall take place before the announcement of any results.

***Section 8.***

Any candidate can appeal a decision at the time of announcement and a vocal count of ballots cast

before the membership of the Network shall be in order. This decision is final based on the recount of ballots.

***Section 9.***

Vacancies occurring among the officers shall be filled, by Executive Committee appointment, at the next regular meeting after the vacancy occurs, provided however, that should the position of President become vacant, the Vice President shall become President. If the Executive Committee unanimously votes to do so, any vacancy, including President, shall be filled by a mid-term election held in the most expedient manner possible.

***Section 10.***

Elections shall be presided over by the highest ranking officer not running for a position. If all candidates are involved in the race, the current Executive Committee shall appoint a member in good standing of their choosing to preside over elections.

***Section 11.***

The order of election of officers shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian.

***Section 12.***

An officer's term of office is one year, however re-election is permitted.

**Article VII. Faculty Advisor**

***Section 1.***

The Chair shall appoint a Faculty advisor to assist the Chair in the planning of the Network and the oversight of all Network activities. His or her appointment shall be made by the first meeting of the Fall Term.

***Section 2.***

The selection of the Faculty Advisor shall be provided by the consent of a simple majority of Network members in good standing in a meeting called by the current officers at least three weeks in advance of the last regular business meeting of the Network during the Spring Semester of each academic year.

***Section 3.***

The Faculty Advisor's term is at the discretion of the organisation.

**Article VIII. Regular Meetings**

***Section 1.***

The Network shall hold regular meetings no less than three times a month during the Spring and Fall academic semesters.

***Section 2.***

Meetings shall be held at the call of the President or any of four Executive Committee members, or upon the written and signed request of one quarter of Network members in good standing, or by a majority vote of the members present at a dilly called meeting. Notice of a regular meeting shall be given to all Network members in the most complete manner practicable not less than three days prior to the meeting.

***Section 3.***

A quorum for regular meetings shall be one-fourth of all members in good standing, as determined by Executive Committee.

## **Article IX. Impeachment of Elected Officers**

### ***Section 1.***

Any member in good standing with the Network, may bring to the floor of any duly called Network meeting, a call for the impeachment of any elected officer.

### ***Section 2.***

Any elected officer may be impeached for failure to perform his prescribed duties properly and in good faith after being notified about the impeachment in writing at least one week prior to the meeting at which the impeachment will be considered. Any candidate for impeachment shall be given an opportunity to address the Network prior to a vote. Upon a two-thirds vote of the entire membership in good standing, as determined by the Executive Committee, an officer shall be removed from his position. This vote shall be in the form of signatures obtained by the Parliamentarian, with a third party witness from the Executive Committee, within two weeks of the call for impeachment. The position shall remain vacant until the next regular meeting when an election will be held to fill the position. The removed officer may seek election to fill the vacancy, as may another Network member in good standing.

## **Article X. Resolutions and Amendments**

### ***Section 1.***

Any member in good standing may bring forth a proposed statement of conviction that they believe the Network should adopt. The resolution will be adopted by a simple majority of the members present and in good standing at a regular business meeting. These resolutions are to be kept in the permanent Network files maintained by the Secretary

### ***Section 2.***

All members in good standing may propose amendments to this constitution by presenting it to the President at least one week before the member intends to bring it to the floor. The President will bring the amendment to the floor and debate will begin with the President being the moderator. An amendment shall be adopted upon an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the entire membership in good standing, done by signature. Upon passage, the Secretary will make the proper correction to the Constitution. Only a two-thirds vote of the entire membership, in good standing, nullifies this Constitution.

## **Article XI. Statement of Nondiscrimination**

The Libertarian Activist Network will not discriminate against any individual, group, or entity on the basis of age, colour, creed, disability, national origin, race, sex, or sexual orientation.

## **Article XII. Statement of Willingness**

### ***Section 1.***

The Network shall operate within the regulations of the University of Florida Student Guide and other laws, rules, and regulations governing the University of Florida and its students; however, the Libertarian Activist Network is to be considered independent of the University and affiliated with it

only insofar as is necessary to organise, petition, and protest on campus. The Network therefore reserves the right to protest and boycott the policies or rulings of the University, knowledgeable of the consequences of doing so.

***Section 2.***

The Network hereby explicitly refuses all forms of monetary aid offered by the University of Florida, including the Student Activities Center, Student Government, and any other University-funded organisation. All contributions to the Network shall be by private individuals or organisations which voluntarily choose to support the Network. The Libertarian Activist Network will not accept money derived from tax dollars or from the tuition of students who would otherwise choose not to support the Network.

***Section 3.***

The Libertarian Activist Network is a not-for-profit and non-commercial organisation of students who morally and philosophically defend profit and commerce.

***Section 4.***

The Libertarian Activist Network reserves the right to absolve all ties and affiliation between it and the University, renouncing status as a recognised student organisation and all the rights and privileges therein, should the Network at any time be forced to compromise its principles in order to comply with a University regulation or ruling.

***Section 5.***

Members of this organisation are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution or harassment.

***Section 6.***

Hazing in any shape or form will not be tolerated by the Network and shall be punishable by removal from office and a revocation of membership.

**Article XIII. Ratification and Effective Date**

This Constitution shall become effective upon a two-thirds vote of the membership, in good standing, present at the meeting on this, the second day of February, two-thousand and six.