**STUDENT INVESTMENT CLUB CONSTITUTION**

Article I. Name of Organization

The name of this organization is the Student Investment Club. This organization will utilize the acronym SIC in all publicity materials and correspondence.

Article II. Organization Affiliation

As outlined in the RSO Classification Policy, the Student Investment Club is considered a General Registered Student Organization. As a GRSO, our organization is a separate 3rd party entity, not considered a part of the University of Florida. Through registering with the University, our student group agrees to follow its policies and operate on campus with access and/or eligibility for specific campus benefits.

Article III. Purpose Statement

The Student Investment Club was founded in 1998 primarily as a way for students new to investing to learn more. SIC helps to make investing more understandable and practical through the introduction and analysis of various investment methods and strategies. The club serves as a forum for students to pool investing knowledge and to have fun. Novices and experts alike can learn from each other through an exchange of ideas in a group setting. The club is not-for-profit and of a non-commercial nature. General meetings are held weekly on Tuesdays at 6:30PM, and officer meetings are held earlier at 6:00PM or at a different time during the week at the discretion of the club President.

Article IV. Compliance Statement & University Regulations

Upon approval by the Department of Student Engagement, *Student Investment Club* shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. *Student Investment Club* shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, as well as all University of Florida regulations, policies, and procedures. Such compliance includes but is not limited to the University’s regulations related to Non-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment (including sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking), Hazing, Commercial Activity, and Student Leader Eligibility.

Section A. Non-Discrimination

*Student Investment Club* agrees that it will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, genetic information and veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act. Discrimination on the basis of the protected classes described in University of Florida Regulation 1.006 (Non-Discrimination/Harassment/Invasion of Privacy Policies) is prohibited.

Section B. Sexual Harassment

*Student Investment Club* agrees that it will not engage in any activity that is unwelcome conduct of sexual nature that creates a hostile environment. Behaviors that could create a hostile environment include sexual harassment (which could include inappropriate sexual comments), sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking and repeated instances of cyber abuse. Sexual harassment as described in University of Florida Regulation 1.006 (Non-Discrimination/Harassment/Invasion of Privacy Policy) is prohibited.

Section C. Hazing

*Student Investment Club* agrees that it will not initiate, support, or encourage any events or situations that recklessly, by design, or intentionally endanger the mental or physical health or safety of a student for any purpose including but not limited to initiation or admission into or affiliation with any student group or organization. Hazing as defined in the University of Florida Regulation 1.0081 (Prohibition of Hazing; Procedures and Penalties) and 4.040 (Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code) is prohibited. If found responsible for hazing, sanctions may be imposed against the organization, its leaders and/or members.

Section D. Responsibility to Report

The University of Florida identifies Responsible Employees and Campus Security Authorities to support the health, safety, and wellbeing of campus. If *Student Investment Club*  becomes aware of any such conduct described in this article, they are encouraged to report it immediately to staff in Student Engagement, the Director of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, the University’s Title IX Coordinator, or to their Student Organization Advisor, who are identified as mandated reporters.

Section E. Officer Eligibility

*Student Investment Club* understands, acknowledges, and agrees to uphold and abide by the specific minimal requirements regarding officer eligibility as defined in the Registered Student Organization Classification and Officer Eligibility Policy

Article V. Membership

Membership in this organization is open to all enrolled students at the University of Florida. Non-enrolled students, spouses, faculty, and staff may be associate members; however, they may not vote or hold office. All members and associate members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.

Article VI. Bylaws for Student Investment Club

*Student Investment Club* may elect to maintain separate bylaws document to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements sent forth by local, state, and federal laws, the university of Florida’s regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Student Engagement constitution requirements. Amendments and changes may be made to the bylaws and shall be consistent with the Student Engagement approved constitution on file and student engagement’s constitution requirements. Should the organization transition leadership, all bylaws and guiding documents will be transitioned to new student organization leaders and/or advisor(s). *Student Investment Club* agrees to provide all unaltered by laws and guiding documents and/or clarify its procedures in writing to any University of Florida student, faculty, or staff upon request.

Article VII. Student Organization Advisor

The Faculty Advisor shall advise and act as a liaison for SIC. The faculty advisor shall be nominated by the officers and confirmed by a majority vote of the members. The faculty advisor will serve a term of one (1) academic year. In the event that the faculty advisor is unable to continue in their position, officers may nominate a replacement at any time, to be confirmed by a majority vote of the members.

Article VIII. Officers

Section A: The elected officers of the Student Investment Club shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Director of Programming, and Director of Recruiting & Marketing.

President: Oversees and manages the entire Student Investment Club, including (but not limited to) all activities and officers. Conducts weekly general meetings, officer meetings, and other miscellaneous meetings (tutoring sessions, career presentations, etc.) Can appoint committees and officers when necessary, with a majority vote (50% plus 1) of the officers. Coordinates a financial plan for the club along with the treasurer. Maintains documents vital to the club (constitution, etc.) Facilitates smooth transitions from semester to semester. An individual must have been in the club for a minimum of two consecutive semesters and must have held an officer position prior to becoming president. A full presidential term lasts for one academic semester. There is no maximum number of terms a president can serve, but an incumbent president must be reelected in order to serve for another semester-long term.

Vice President: Assist in the planning and execution of the curriculum, and provides support for those individuals who present by previewing all presentations, editing mistakes, and offering suggestions on improvement. Responsible for obtaining any and all presenters. All presentations are to be aligned with the curriculum goals and club mission statement. The Vice President is responsible for the quality of presentations. Assists the President in all internal functions of the club dealing with presenters and presentations. A full term lasts for one semester. There is no maximum number of terms one can serve, but an incumbent must be reelected in order to serve for the next term.

Treasurer: Collects and deposits funds and keeps the club's books. Assists the president with cash flow analysis, budgeting, and forecasting. Maintains a current budget summary. A full term lasts for one semester. There is no maximum number of terms one can serve, but an incumbent must be reelected in order to serve for the next term.

Secretary: Maintains attendance of all members, phone, address, and e-mail lists, retains copies of flyers and other important materials distributed. Records the "minutes" (a meeting summary) of all meetings. Distributes the minutes via e-mail or Facebook to all officers. A full term lasts for one semester. There is no maximum number of terms a Secretary can serve, but an incumbent must be reelected in order to serve for the next term.

Historian: Serves as record keeper for the organization. Takes pictures, when appropriate, at club sponsored events (i.e. meetings, socials, events). The Historian must attend all club sponsored events in order to keep the best pictorial history of its activities. A full term lasts for one semester. There is no maximum number of terms one can serve, but an incumbent must be reelected in order to serve for the next term.

Director of Programming: Maintains the organizations website. Assists the other President with miscellaneous meetings. Ensures that SIC’s student investment challenge runs smoothly. A full term lasts for one semester. There is no maximum number of terms one can serve, but an incumbent must be reelected in order to serve for the next term

Director of Recruiting & Marketing: Responsible for the planning and execution of recruiting events for SIC. This includes tabling events and social media campaigns. A full term lasts for one semester. There is no maximum number of terms one can serve, but an incumbent must be reelected in order to serve for the next term

Section B: Officers shall assume their official duties at the close of the last general meeting of the academic year and shall serve for a term of one semester and/or until their successors are elected/appointed. An incumbent must be reelected in order to serve for another term.

Section C: If in the event that an officer becomes a significant problem to the club, that officer can be impeached and removed from the club during the course of a general or executive meeting. Any officer can raise the issue of impeachment of any other officer, but they must have a valid reason. An explanation of the reasons for impeachment will be given by the officer raising the issue. If the officer that is being charged with impeachment is present, they will give their counter arguments. A secret ballot vote of all members at an officer meeting will commence. If there is a 2/3-majority vote in favor of impeachment, that officer is immediately removed from the club. If there are insufficient votes, that officer remains at their position. The votes will be counted and announced by two officers. The officer who brought charges and the officer being impeached cannot count the votes. If the officer that is charged with impeachment is not present, they can still be charged, and an impeachment can be voted on. This is to account for officer that are negligent of their duties and are frequently without notified absence. If there is a 2/3-majority vote in favor of impeachment, that officer will be put on impeachment probation. They will be contacted and notified that they are on impeachment probation. They have the option to present their argument against impeachment at the next officer meeting. If they exercise the option to rebuttal at the next meeting, the charges will be repeated and a new vote will be held, again by secret ballot. If there is a 2/3-majority vote in favor of impeachment, that officer is immediately removed from the club. If there are insufficient votes, that officer remains at their position and is no longer on impeachment probation. If the option for rebuttal is not exercised at the next officer meeting, the impeachment probation status will change to impeachment status, and that officer is removed from the club.

Article IX. Elections

Nominations for all officers will take place semi-annually and will be completed by each candidate filling out a Google Form. Officers are elected in November and April, at the last meeting of each semester. The candidate with the highest total number of votes is elected. In the event of a tie, a run-off election is held between the two candidates with the highest number of total votes. Voting is done by a having all candidates exit the room and having the voting members raise their hands to declare a vote for a candidate. Members must have attended at least three meetings to vote. The voting is done in the general meeting. The regular members vote in the general election and all votes are tabulated. All positions are elected in this fashion.

Article X. Finance

SIC does not require membership fees. The organization will apply for Student Government Funding and use those funds to finance t-shirts and refreshments at meetings. Additional fundraising may be done to assist in the funding of other events.

Article XI. Dissolution of Organization

In the event this organization dissolves, all monies left in the treasury, after outstanding debts and claims have been paid, shall be donated to the U.S. Treasury.

Article XII. Amendments to Constitution

The President can make changes to the constitution. A majority vote (50% plus 1) by the officers is needed for passage of minor changes. If there is a tie, there is no action. Changes must then be reformulated, rewritten, and then presented again. In the instance of rewriting or altering the constitution in an all-encompassing way (such as an amendment,) a 2/3-majority vote is required due to the magnitude of the change.