

THE AGGREGATE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization is The Aggregate.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Aggregate is established for the purpose of fostering a professional and advanced understanding of the discipline of sociology. This goal will be achieved by engaging graduate students with academics, researchers and professionals who can provide insights into sociology as it relates to academia and private sectors. Students who participate will raise funds to support the group's ability to hold regular colloquia on research and professionalization, bringing in outside experts from within and outside of the University of Florida, and assist students who wish to attend important sociological conferences. Students will also learn leadership skills, conflict resolution, and be encouraged to participate in mentoring relationships. This organization shall be not for profit or non-commercial in nature.

ARTICLE III. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Upon approval by the Center for Student Activities and Involvement, The Aggregate shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. The Aggregate 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, Hazing, Commercial Activity, and Student Leader Eligibility.

ARTICLE IV. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Aggregate agrees to comply with the University of Florida's Non- Discrimination Policy (Regulation 6C1-1.006).

Please note that any student organization applying for or receiving activity and service fees from student government must adhere to the following: Student government nor any organization that receives funds shall 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, veteran status or any other classification as provided by law.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organization is open to enrolled students at the University of Florida. Non-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. OFFICERS

Section A: The elected officers of The Aggregate shall be President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

Part 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committees.

Part 2: The Vice-President shall serve as an aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in her/his absence or inability to serve.

Part 3: The Treasurer shall receive all monies of The Aggregate; shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures; shall pay out local funds in accordance with the approved budget as authorized by the organization. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every meeting of The Aggregate and at other times when requested by the President or Vice President.

Section B: The appointed officer of The Aggregate shall be Secretary.

Part 1: The Secretary shall be appointed by the Vice President.

Part 2: The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of The Aggregate and shall perform other duties as may be delegated.

Section C: 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 academic year and/or until their successors are elected/appointed.

Section D: Any officer of The Aggregate may be removed from office through the following process:

Part 1: A written request by at least three voting members of the organization shall be submitted to either the President, Vice President, or Treasurer. Written notification shall be sent to the officer in question asking that officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to respond to the removal request.

Part 2: A two thirds majority vote of members present is necessary to remove the officer.

Part 3: In the event of the removal of an officer, a special provision may be granted to the remaining officers to appoint an interim replacement until an election may be held.

ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS

Nominations for all officers will take place annually from the members at the last general meeting in April. Any member may nominate any other voting member, including himself or herself. Nominations may also be made during the election meeting prior to closing of nominations.

Voting will occur by secret ballot and a simple majority vote is required to elect an officer. If there are more than two candidates running and no candidate receives a majority vote, there shall be a run-off vote between the top two vote recipients at the next general meeting. No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Only an individual whose interests, views, and knowledge align with our organization's religious purpose is eligible to run for office, as specified in our By-laws.

ARTICLE VIII. FACULTY ADVISOR

The faculty advisor shall serve as a resource person and provide advisory support for the officers and members of the organization. The faculty advisor should attend executive and general meetings; however, the faculty advisor may not vote in any Aggregate matters. The faculty advisor shall be nominated by the officers and confirmed by a majority vote of the members.

ARTICLE IX. FINANCE

The Aggregate will not require membership dues; however, it will raise funds through carwashes and similar activities, for t-shirts, travel to leadership conferences, travel expenditures for guest speakers, and the purchase of books and supplies related to sociological knowledge. Members are expected to participate in these fundraising activities. The Aggregate will also apply for Student Government funding.

ARTICLE X. 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 "Saint Francis House, 413 S. Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601; P.O. Box 12491, Gainesville, FL 32604."

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of The Aggregate by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment was given at the previous meeting and that the proposed amendment shall be subject to approval of the Center for Student Activities and Involvement.