**STUDENT ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTION REQUIREMENTS**

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**ARTICLE I. GATOR BUSINESS BOOK CLUB**

The name of this organization is Gator Business Book Club (GBBC).

**ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION**

As outlined in the RSO Classification Policy, Gator Business Book 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 purpose of the Gator Business Book Club is to unite a group of like-minded individuals through a common interest in finance, investing, negotiation, and productivity. The club's mission is to help students to produce remarkable results and thrive academically and in life. The organization aims to find the best books on finance and productivity and synthesize them in quick, engaging, and actionable meetings.

**ARTICLE VI. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT & UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS**

Upon approval by the Department of Student Engagement, The Gator Business Book Club shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. The Gator Business Book 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**

The Gator Business Book 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**

The Gator Business Book 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**

The Gator Business Book 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 Gator Business Book 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**

Gator Business Book 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 are prohibited from being members, voting, or holding office. All members and associate members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.

**ARTICLE VI. STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR**

Each registered student organization must have an eligible student organization advisor. The student organization advisor must be a full-time, salaried faculty or staff member not on extended leave for 4 consecutive weeks or longer during their advisor term. The student organization advisor shall serve as a resource person providing advisory support to officers and members and may not vote or hold office in the organization. The advisor is selected from the Warrington college of Business as to align with the Gator Business Book Club purpose statement. The selection process is through finding teachers that exemplify a positive learning experience along with a willingness to help without compensation. Each advisor will last one year with the opportunity to be re-elected.

**ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS**

Registered student organizations are required to have a minimum of a President, Treasurer, and Vice President as elected officers. These officers must abide by the Registered Student Organization Classification and Officer Eligibility Policy.

The elected officers of Gator Business Book Club shall be President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. At no time should one person hold more than one of these positions.

Officer Positions: President, Britney Sands, is the leader of the organization. In charge of delegating work and decisions for the club, along with access to the Gator Business Book Club email. Vice president, Mya Metheny, helps identify and explore the decisions that will be made by the president. In charge of making sure the president’s decisions are executed. Treasurer, Julia Nieves, in charge of managing the money and spending of the club. In charge of making sure funding is being received. VP of Marketing, , seeks out University of Florida students to increase engagement regarding the organization. Also, in charge of managing and publishing posts in social media for followers. VP of Education is in charge of crafting and editing weekly education presentations regarding the content of the book. VP of Logistics, is in charge of doing research and educating our club members regarding the mechanics of running a club. This is a training committee where members can be introduced to the process of running a club and can prepare themselves for a higher position in Gator Business Book Club or other clubs. By the end of each semester, new officers will be elected. If officers of the club are absent or insufficient with their work, they will receive a warning. If they continue with their misconduct, they will receive a second warning. If an officer continues with such behavior, they will be removed and temporarily replaced until the next elections. In case of this impeachment or resignation by any of the officers, all officers of the club will take responsibility for the role until the next election.

**ARTICLE VIII. ELECTIONS**

Elections will be conducted at the end of each semester. All members will be able to apply for a position if they have attended a minimum of 5 meetings throughout the semester. Voters will be all those members of the club who attended at least 3 meetings throughout the semester. In the event of a tie, a second round of voting will take place between the two contestants. Any participant running for a position will win with a minimum difference of one vote. Elections will be held during the last meeting of the semester, and elected people will be part of the administrative board for the following semester. Only UF students may participate as a member in an RSO. In order to be an eligible officer, one must: be enrolled as a degree-seeking student as defined by the University Registrar; meet the University of Florida requirements for registration and academic standing, have no delinquent obligation, and remain in good standing with the University of Florida throughout the elected term.

**ARTICLE IX. FINANCE**

The Gator Business Book Club will not require membership fees. The club will seek to receive funding from the Student Government. Additionally, the club will raise funds through student donations and similar activities for buying the books and materials needed to conduct the meetings.

**ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION**

Upon dissolution, student organizations are prohibited from leaving their organizational assets to any individual or any other student organization. Rather, student organizations may designate a specific charity that will receive such organizational assets. At the time of dissolution, after all outstanding debts are paid, Gator Business Book Club will leave any assets and outstanding funds to the University of Florida.

**ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

Student Engagement has established a process through which constitutions may be amended, reviewed, and approved. Student organizations wishing to amend their constitutions must utilize their constitution on file listed on GatorConnect to make amendments and submit those changes to Student Engagement. Amendments to this constitution may be made at any regular meeting of the Gator Business Book Club provided notice of the proposed amendment was given one week prior to a vote. Prior to this meeting our officers will request a copy of the constitution from the Department of Student Engagement through email. Any member is eligible to propose an amendment, and proposals should be sent to any member of the executive board. Amendments require a two-thirds vote of the members of the executive board, and are subject to final approval by the Department of Student Engagement.