

The Taylor Swift Society Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the club shall be The Taylor Swift Society (TSS)

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of The Taylor Swift Society is to provide students, with a common interest in Taylor Swift, a place to convene and discuss topics related to Taylor and her music or other topics of interest. TSS strives to encourage a comforting atmosphere for students of all sexualities, genders, and races— completely free of judgment.

ARTICLE III. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Upon approval by the Department of Student Activities and Involvement, The Taylor Swift Society shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. The Taylor Swift Society 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

ARTICLE IV. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Non-Discrimination

The Taylor Swift Society 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 Taylor Swift Society 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 Taylor Swift Society 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 The Taylor Swift Society becomes aware of any such conduct described in this article, they are encouraged to report it immediately to staff in Student Activities and Involvement, 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.

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 holding membership, office or voting powers. All members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.

ARTICLE VI. Student Organization Advisor

The Taylor Swift Society advisor must be a full-time, salaried faculty or staff member not on leave during his or her advisor term. The student organization advisor shall serve as a resource person and provide advisory support for the officers and members of the organization. The student organization advisor is not required to attend executive or general body meetings, and the advisor shall not vote or hold office. The organization advisor shall serve for a term of one year, with the ability to be re-selected. If the student organization 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 officers.

Section B. Selection Method of Advisor

The Taylor Swift Society Advisor must be a full-time, salaried faculty or staff member who has an interest in Taylor Swift. The selected advisor must be held to a vote by the executive board. If a 50% majority of the board approves the advisor, then he or she is elected. If the board's majority is not in support of the selected advisor, then another candidate must be selected and elected.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

Replacing the advisor follows the same process as listed in **Article VI. Section B**. New advisor candidates must meet all listed qualifications in **Section A of Article VI**, and be appointed by a member of the executive board. If the advisor fails to fulfill his or her duties, then the executive board will hold a vote as to whether to impeach him or her. If the vote favors impeachment, then the selection method begins and the former advisor is removed from his or her position.

ARTICLE VII. Officers

The Taylor Swift Society is required to have a minimum of a President, Treasurer, and Vice President as elected officers. Section 6C1-4.003 of the Regulations of the University of Florida provides the minimum eligibility requirements for any student to hold an officer position within a registered student organization.

Section A. Officer Elections and Appointments

All officers will be elected by the executive board. Taylor Swift Society members are allowed to submit their applications for the board to review which will lead to the appointment of new officers. The founders of the Taylor Swift Society will keep their executive positions until they graduate. At that point, there will be an election dividing who will fill the places of the TSS founders.

Section B. Titles of Officer Positions

Officer positions include:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Historian

The addition of new positions is permitted but must be approved by the current executive board. However, “assistant” roles or anything related to said term is not permitted (ie. assistant president, assistant vice president, assistant treasurer). New positions must be different in duty than the already existing positions.

Section C. Officer Election Procedure

As stated in **Section A**, general body members are allowed to submit their applications for the board to review which will lead to the appointment of new officers. Applicants must submit an explanation as to why they feel they are qualified for the position along with a list of other leadership positions in the past they have had, only if they wish to do so.

For the Historian position application, applicants must submit a sample of a flyer they designed advertising the TSS. This allows the board to choose the most qualified candidate concerning artistic qualities and workability.

There will also be an additional section for candidates to provide input on the TSS and what they would like to change or keep the same.

As stated previously in **Section A**, The founders of the Taylor Swift Society will keep their executive positions until they graduate. At that point, there will be an election dividing who will fill the places of the TSS founders.

Section D.

Officers are elected at the end of every Spring semester. Terms will last one calendar year. Elected officers are allowed to run for reelection.

Section E.

President: The President of The Taylor Swift Society is responsible for:

- Creating and sending emails to general TSS members about upcoming meetings, general information, and club-related events and information.
- Be the primary speaker at all meetings and TSS-related events.
- Schedule all meetings and events with consideration and consultation from the general body and executive members.
- Be present at every meeting. Justifications for missing events or meetings only include illness, family emergencies, and other instances that the board finds as rational for absence.
- Be a supportive and strong leader for the executive board and all The Taylor Swift Society members.
- Assist in creating presentations that are to be shown at TSS events.
- Make purchases on behalf of the TSS on items that **are deemed necessary for the TSS only**.
- The president shall also inform the TSS board of all potential purchases and wait for advice from said board members.
- Resolve or attempt to resolve disputes between TSS members and board members in a professional manner.
- Oversee the activities of the organization/contact with external groups that wish to collaborate/sponsor certain projects or events.
- Act as the official representative of the organization to the University of Florida and the community.

Vice President: The Vice President of The Taylor Swift Society is responsible for:

- Assisting the President with his or her duties
- Taking the place of the president when necessary.
- Provide feedback to the board and general body.
- Assist in creating presentations that are to be shown at TSS events.
- Be present at a majority of the meetings. Failure to do so will result in impeachment and possible removal from the position.
- Resolve or attempt to resolve disputes between TSS members and board members in a professional manner.

Treasurer: The Treasurer of The Taylor Swift Society is responsible for:

- Keeping track and **tangible** records of all TSS-related finances. This includes recording every dollar spent or received by the TSS.
- Calculating the general and specific budget for the TSS. This includes budgets for food, merchandise, banners, flyers, or other necessary TSS-related materials that require money to be purchased.
- Report to the President and Vice President every month about the intake of money along with spending.
- Advise the President on budgeting for the TSS and where money should or should not be spent.
- Resolve or attempt to resolve disputes between TSS members and board members in a professional manner.

- Be present at a majority of the meetings. Failure to do so will result in impeachment and possible removal from the position.

Historian: The Historian is responsible for:

- Taking photos of meetings and TSS-related events
- Managing **all** social media accounts that are created in The Taylor Swift Society name. (This includes Instagram, Tik Tok, Twitter, Facebook, and Tumblr)
- Creating organized and eye-catching graphics that will announce TSS meetings and TSS-related events. **All graphic materials and messages must be approved by the President before being published.**
- Assist in creating presentations that are to be shown at TSS events.
- Assist the President in creating emails that are to be sent out to general TSS members. If the President is not able to create the necessary emails, then the Historian is responsible to do so in the president's place.
- Respond to emails from general members of the TSS. All other emails should be left to the president to respond as they see fit.
- Be present at a majority of the meetings. Failure to do so will result in impeachment and possible removal from the position.
- Take attendance at every TSS event and meeting through a google form they created previously.

Section F. Impeachment Procedure

Part 1: In the event, an officer or member has a problem with a fellow officer, a warning may be issued.

- Warnings can be issued at any time and can be issued through notification with the president (or another member of the executive board) where it will be up to the informed officer to issue a warning.
- If the problem that caused the warning is not resolved in a matter of a week after the non-compliant officer is warned, the non-compliant officer can be released from their position based on a private vote from all appointed and executive officers where a majority must be established for an officer to be released.
 - If the released officer disagrees with the decision, the released officer maintains the right to debate the decision at the next officer meeting regarding their decision to disagree with the release.
 - Respectful discussion and reasoning will be provided by both parties regarding the released officer on why they were released and why they should stay. All officers are allowed to participate. The released officer can be reinstated based on another private vote after this discussion. This vote will be written on paper and will be placed in a container where the anonymity of the participating parties can be enforced. Afterward, the votes will be tallied to decide whether the officer will be reinstated.
 - If the released officer does not appear at the next officer meeting following their decision to contest release, the released officer will forfeit their right to refute the dismissal.

- If an officer is considered released, he or she is considered impeached.
- If an officer is impeached, he or she is prohibited from applying to any executive board position in the future.

Section G. Reasons for Impeachment

As stated in Section F, vacancies of an officer are subject to impeachment and removal. If an officer were to resign, the **Section C** election proceeding will occur when deemed appropriate. If an officer is deemed illegible, he or she is subject to impeachment as well.

In summary, if an officer fails to do what he or she was elected for, he or she is subject to impeachment and possible removal from office.

Section H. Executive Board Vacancy Procedure

If an officer position becomes vacant for reasons beyond impeachment (e.g. resignations, officer ineligibility, or similar occurrences) the president will appoint a temporary officer (upon majority approval among current officers) to fill that position until an election can be held using the election procedures found in Article VIII. The Vice-President will become president temporarily in the event the president positions become vacant until the position can be filled within one month of the vacancy.

Article VIII. Elections

Section A. Criteria for Potential Officers

If one is interested in becoming a part of the board, the position-specific criteria are listed below:
President:

- Must be of sophomore standing or higher
- Prove he or she has a large knowledge or interest in Taylor Swift

Vice President:

- Must be of sophomore standing or higher
- Prove he or she has a large knowledge and interest in Taylor Swift

Treasurer:

- Must be of sophomore standing or higher
- Prove he or she has a large knowledge and interest in Taylor Swift
- Prove that he or she is experienced and organized when it comes to financial tracking.

Historian:

- Must be of freshman standing or higher
- Prove he or she has a large knowledge and interest in Taylor Swift
- Prove that he or she is experienced in graphic design
- Consistent and organized in social media posts.

Section B. Nomination Procedure

Nominations for all officers will take place annually at the (second-to-last) general body meeting before the election meeting in the Spring term and shall be made through electronic submission.

Any member may nominate any qualifying member, including himself or herself. A qualifying member can be defined as a participant who is actively involved in club activities and has fully attended at least 1/3rd of the general body meetings. Nominations may also be made during the election meeting before the closing of nominations. Voting will occur by secret ballot and a simple majority vote is required to elect an officer. If more than two candidates are running and no candidate receives a majority vote, the President shall decide between the two leading candidates. Elections should take place in April to allow for turnover between the old and new boards.

Article IX. Finance

Section A. Dues

There are no dues to be a part of the Taylor Swift Society. However, donations are welcome to pay for food and events.

This Article is null and void if The Taylor Swift Society is funded by Student Government.

Section B. Fundraising

The Taylor Swift Society will apply for Student Government Funding to purchase operational materials, food, event supplies, and merchandise. TSS members shall not require dues for the organization, however, if an instance arises in which additional financial support is needed, then the organization may host fundraising opportunities such as merchandise, book sales, or pie-to-face fundraisers. Furthermore, merchandise sales (all merchandise designs must be original and not impinge on intellectual property rights owned by Taylor Swift unless there is approval from TAS Rights Management, LLC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.)

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 Operation Catnip located in Gainesville Florida. Any monies received from Student Government shall be returned to Student Government for reallocation.

ARTICLE XI: BYLAWS FOR THE TAYLOR SWIFT SOCIETY

The Taylor Swift Society 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 SAI constitution requirements.

Amendments and changes may be made to the bylaws and shall be consistent with the SAI approved constitution on file and SAI'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). The Taylor Swift Society 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 XII: AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

SAI 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 SAI. Please contact the SAI Desk at SAI@ufsa.ufl.edu for instructions on how to have your amendments reviewed and updated on GatorConnect.

Amendments to this constitution may be made at any regular meeting so long as provided notice of the proposed amendment was given one week before a vote. Before this meeting, our officers will request a copy of the constitution from the Department of Student Activities and Involvement 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 in attendance at the meeting and are subject to final approval by the Department of Student Activities and Involvement.