

GatorTech Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this student organization is **GatorTech** or **GT**.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION

As outlined in the RSO Classification Policy, **GatorTech** 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

GatorTech strives to establish a community passionate about technology and its impact on society. Our goal is to provide members with opportunities to develop their technical knowledge and be aware of career paths.

ARTICLE IV. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT & UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Upon approval by the Department of Student Engagement, **GatorTech** shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. **GatorTech** 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

GatorTech 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

GatorTech 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

GatorTech 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 **GatorTech** 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

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

ARTICLE VI. BYLAWS FOR GatorTech

GatorTech 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). **GatorTech** 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

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 student organization advisor should attend executive and general meetings; however, the student organization advisor may not vote in any **GatorTech** matters. The student organization advisor shall be selected by the President. The student organization advisor will serve a term of one (1) academic year. In the event that 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 members.

ARTICLE VIII. 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 **GatorTech** shall be President, Vice President, Director of Finance (Treasurer), Director of Marketing, and Director of Public Relations. At no time should one person hold more than one of these positions.

Section A:

Part 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and shall coordinate and assist with the work of the officers and committees. The President serves as the main point of contact with the Business Administration College Council and with the Information Systems and Operations Management department. The President also manages communications of the organization via GroupMe and files on Google Drive. The President may handle purchases or

allow the Director of Finance to alleviate that role. They also send out monthly newsletters updating members on upcoming events and projects.

Part 2: The Vice President shall coordinate icebreakers at the beginning of general body meetings, coordinate socials for members, and plan retreats for coordinators and the executive board. Up to the decision of the Vice President, they may introduce new initiatives to create a more inclusive and collaborative membership base.

Part 3: The Director of Finance (Treasurer) shall handle all monies of **GatorTech**; 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 Director of Finance shall report to the appropriate offices for payments and reimbursements.

Part 4: The Director of Marketing shall assist with the creation of marketing materials and shall provide support for **GatorTech** marketing efforts through tabling and events like Business Bash. They shall design marketing merchandise for **GatorTech** such as stickers and shirts. They will also provide content for **GatorTech**'s social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram, creating events for our meetings, workshops, socials, and other activities. They will send event graphics they've created to the Business Administration College Council so they can be advertised on Heavener screens.

Part 5: The Director of Public Relations shall be responsible for all **GatorTech** event planning, logistics, and executions. This includes bringing in companies for the benefit of our members, facilitating the Information Systems and Operations Management forums, and community service initiatives. They also manage the **GatorTech** LinkedIn Alumni group.

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 academic year and/or until their successors are elected.

Section C: Officers shall appoint Coordinators to assist **GatorTech** operations. Coordinators shall serve for a term of a semester and/or until their successors are appointed.

Section D: Any officer of **GatorTech** may be removed from office through the following process:

Part 1: A written request by at least two voting members of the organization shall be submitted to the President.

Part 2: A unanimous 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 IX. ELECTIONS

Nominations for all officers will take place annually from the members starting in April. Voting members are members that have attended at least half of GatorTech general body meetings per semester. 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. Only current University of Florida students may be nominated. Voting will occur in April 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. There is no term limit.

In the absence of clear direction on election, amendment, and /or voting procedures, **GatorTech** agrees to follow the guidance and instruction of Robert's Rules of Order for the election or amendment process.

ARTICLE X. FINANCE

As a General Registered Student Organization, **GatorTech** does not receive any funding or resources from other UF Departments or Colleges, rather, this organization is funded by Student Government. There are no membership fees. The intended use of the money raised will go towards general body meetings and marketing expenses.

ARTICLE XI. 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, **GatorTech** will leave any assets and outstanding funds to the Warrington College of Business Information Systems and Operations Management Department.

ARTICLE XII: 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 **GatorTech** provided notice of the proposed amendment was given one week prior to a vote. Amendments require a two-thirds vote of the voting members in attendance at the meeting, and are subject to final approval by the Department of Student Activities and Involvement.