

## **ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization is The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy – Gator Chapter. This organization will utilize the acronym ACS in all publicity materials and correspondence. The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy – Gator Chapter is affiliated with The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy operating in Washington, DC. The website of The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is [acslaw.org](http://acslaw.org).

## **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS) is a national organization comprised of lawyers, law students, scholars, judges, policymakers and other concerned individuals. Our chapter's mission is to ensure that fundamental principles of human dignity, individual rights and liberties, genuine equality, and access to justice enjoy their rightful, central place in American law. ACS – Gator Chapter sponsors speakers, debates and other programs on subjects such as federalism, affirmative action, and the scope of congressional power. Any interested enrolled UF student may be a member.

## **ARTICLE III. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

Upon approval by the Department for Student Activities and Involvement, The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy – Gator Chapter shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy – Gator Chapter 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 American Constitution Society for Law and Policy- Gator Chapter 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.

### **Section B. Sexual Harassment**

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy- Gator Chapter agrees that it will not engage in any activity that is unwelcome conduct of sexual nature that creates a hostile environment.

### **Section C. Hazing**

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy- Gator Chapter 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.

## Section D. Responsibility to Report

If this organization becomes aware of any such conduct described in this article, The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy-Gator Chapter will report it immediately to Student Activities and Involvement, the Director of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, or the University's Title IX Coordinator.

## **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. OFFICERS**

Section A: The elected officers of The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy – Gator Chapter shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Chair, Membership/Public Relations Chair, and 1L Representative.

- 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 his/her absence or inability to serve.
- Part 3: The Treasurer shall receive all monies of The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy – Gator Chapter; 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 when requested by the President.
- Part 4: The Secretary shall record minutes of meetings of The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy – Gator Chapter when requested by the President and shall perform other duties as may be delegated.
- Part 5: The Social Chair shall coordinate room requests on behalf of The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy- Gator Chapter as well as plan annual social outings for the organization.
- Part 6: The Membership/Public Relations Chair shall develop and maintain relationships with members of the local and national press, as well as promote regular meetings and events The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy- Gator Chapter organizes to students of the University of Florida Levin College of Law.
- Part 7: 1L Representative shall inform classmates of regular meetings and events The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy- Gator Chapter organizes.

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: Any officer of The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy – Gator Chapter 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, Secretary 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 officers 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.

Section D: All officers must attend all executive board meetings, unless prior notification is given to the other officers, subject to the Secretary's approval and recording of the absence.

### **ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS**

Nominations for all officers will take place annually from the members at the last general meeting in the spring semester. Any member may nominate any other voting member, including him or herself. Nominations may also be made during the election meeting prior to closing of nominations. Voting will occur in the month of April by secret ballot. 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. No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. In the case of a vacated position, the President shall appoint a replacement, with the verbal or written confirmation of a simple majority of the remaining officers, except in the case of resignation by the President (who is to be succeeded immediately by the Vice President). Only an individual whose interests, views, and knowledge align with our organization's purpose is eligible to run for office, as specified in our By-Laws. Additionally, all officers must be a registered of The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy – National Organization. Failure to meet these criteria will force officer to vacate position until such requirement is met.

### **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 American Constitution Society for Law and Policy – Gator Chapter matters. 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 IX. FINANCE**

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy – Gator Chapter will not require membership dues; however, if members wish to enjoy the benefits of the group, they must become a registered member of the national organization at [aclslaw.org](http://aclslaw.org).

### **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 the "American Civil Liberties Union."

## **ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy – Gator Chapter by a two-thirds vote of the elected officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Chair, Public Relations/Membership Chair, IL Representative), provided that the proposed amendment shall be subject to approval of the Department for Student Activities and Involvement.