INNOVATION ACADEMY AMBASSADORS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization is Innovation Academy Ambassadors.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE STATEMENT

Innovation Academy Ambassadors represent the Innovation Academy (IA), conducting IA information sessions, serving on IA committees, and acting as liaisons between Innovation Academy and IA students, family, and guests. Ambassadors will enhance their leadership abilities, teamwork, and communication skills, in addition to networking with professionals, potential employers, and UF faculty and staff.

ARTICLE III. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Upon approval by the Department of Student Activities and Involvement, Innovation Academy Ambassadors shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. Innovation Academy Ambassadors 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

Innovation Academy Ambassadors 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, or veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act.

Section B. Sexual Harassment

Innovation Academy Ambassadors agrees that it will not engage in any activity that is unwelcome conduct of sexual nature that creates a hostile environment.

Section C. Hazing

Innovation Academy Ambassadors 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, Innovation Academy Ambassadors 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 specifically for IA students who have been selected through a selection process held by the IA office and who meet the criteria listed in Article XI of this constitution.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Innovation Academy Ambassadors is a sponsored organization. As such, this organization will operate without elected officials until 2015, at which time elections will be held. The positions will include but are not limited to: President and Vice-President.

ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS

There will be no elected officers in this organization until 2015. At that time, Advisor Ayesha Mian will oversee the election process.

ARTICLE VIII. FACULTY ADVISOR

The faculty advisor is Ayesha Mian, Assistant Director of Innovation Academy. She can be reached weekdays in the IA office, room 302 in the Infirmary Building, by telephone at (352) 294-1785, or by e-mail at ayesharmian@aa.ufl.edu

ARTICLE IX. FINANCE

There will be no Treasurer for this organization. Students will not have access to any funds relating to the organization. The IA office will handle all affairs involving the need for funding.

ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION

In the event that this organization must disband, all members will be notified by an IA staff member. This situation remains highly unlikely, as Innovation Academy is relatively new to the University of Florida and intends to expand and grow over the upcoming years.

ARTICLE XI. ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Students who are interested in applying must maintain a full time student status during the Spring and Summer semesters, a 3.0 UF GPA, complete at least two semesters of coursework at the University prior to serving as an ambassador, complete and pass SLS1102 (First Year Florida) or other approved experience, as well as providing a one year commitment to the IA Ambassador program.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Any amendments to the constitution can be made by Ayesha Mian, Assistant Director of IA. In the event that any content of the constitution changes, members will be notified via e-mail or otherwise.