

UF AIKIDO CLUB CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization is the UF Aikido Club.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE STATEMENT

UF Aikido Club is established for the purpose of promoting the art and sport of aikido, a Japanese martial art.

ARTICLE III. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Upon approval by the Center for Student Activities and Involvement, UF Aikido Club shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. UF Aikido 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, Hazing, Commercial Activity, and Student Leader Eligibility.

ARTICLE IV. NON-DISCRIMINATION

In compliance with the University of Florida Non-Discrimination Policy (Regulation 6C1-1.006), UF Aikido Club will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, and veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organization is open to enrolled students at the University of Florida. Non-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 UF Aikido Club shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

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 her/his absence or inability to serve.

Part 3: the Treasurer shall receive all monies of UF Aikido Club; 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 once a month at the first meeting of the month of UF Aikido Club and at other times when requested by the President or Vice President.

Part 4: The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of UF Aikido Club and shall perform other duties as may be delegated.

Section B: Officers shall assume their official duties at the first meeting at the beginning of October and shall serve for a term of one academic year and/or until their successors are elected/appointed.

Section C: Any officer of UF Aikido Club 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, Treasurer, or Secretary. 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 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 VII. ELECTIONS

Section A: Voting will occur 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.

Section B: To be an officer, a student must meet the requirements set forth by the Center for Student Activities and Involvement found in the Student Organization Handbook.

Section C: An active member may nominate any active member (including himself or herself) for any position in an upcoming election. The nomination process will take place at the last general meeting of the club prior to the election meeting.

Section D: Elections will be held in October.

ARTICLE VIII. FACULTY ADVISOR

Section A: 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 UF Aikido Club matters. The faculty advisor shall be nominated by the officers and confirmed by a majority vote of the members.

Section B: Should the Faculty Advisor need to be replaced for any reason, the officers will seek out a new eligible advisor. Should more than one willing and eligible advisor be found, the club will vote on the matter. Voting will be done pursuant to Article VII Section A.

ARTICLE IX. FINANCE

UF Aikido will not require membership dues; however it may raise funds through the sale of t-shirts, hours worked at the O'Connell center, and similar activities. UF Aikido Club will also apply for funding from the Student Government. Members may also be asked to help pay for certain expenditures such as traveling to competitions or seminars or other similar activities.

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 Alachua County Humane Society.

ARTICLE (FINAL ARTICLE) AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of UF Aikido Club by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment was given at the previous meeting and that the proposed amendment shall be subject to approval of the Center for Student Activities and Involvement.