

# **CONSTITUTION of CHAARG at University of Georgia**

## **PREAMBLE**

We, the members of CHAARG at University of Georgia do hereby establish this Constitution in order that our purpose be realized to its fullest extent.

## **ARTICLE I. NOTE**

Section 1. The name will always be CHAARG at University of Georgia. The name of the organization shall be CHAARG at University of Georgia. CHAARG at University of Georgia is a chapter of the national organization, CHAARG.

## **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

Section 1. CHAARG at University of Georgia is established for the expressed purpose of helping students on UGA's campus learn that living a healthy + happy lifestyle is something that is attainable and fun through the resources provided at University of Georgia and the surrounding area. CHAARG was founded on the belief that we are stronger as a community and to give college students the ability to be a part of something larger than themselves that will motivate + inspire them to become the best version of themselves through helping one another reach their health + fitness goals.

Section 2. CHAARG at University of Georgia understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities of abiding by University of Georgia policies.

## **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. CHAARG membership shall be open to all currently enrolled students at University of Georgia. Membership shall be open to all who are interested and who have paid the semester dues to the national organization.

Section 2. Voluntary withdrawal of membership may be provided for. A member cannot remain in CHAARG if she/he fails to pay dues.

Section 3. CHAARG does not categorically deny membership to an individual, based on race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, veteran's status, or the presence of a disability.

Section 4. A. Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, must be extended to all students without regard to race, color, sex (including sexual harassment and pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity or national origin, religion, age, genetic information, disability, or veteran status. B. Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, must be extended to all students as stated in the University of Georgia Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects people from discrimination based on race, color or national origin in programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance. Title IX states that: No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Section 5. Quorum (the number or percentage of membership that is required for your organization to conduct official business, including officer elections and removal, any items brought to vote, and other organizational business) for UGA CHAARG is 51 percent of UGA student membership.

## **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

Section 1. There shall be seven officers who make up the executive committee. Officers shall consist of PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP, VICE PRESIDENT MEDIA, EVENT COORDINATOR (2), SECRETARY, AND TREASURER.

Members in executive office are required to the following terms:

1. In order to run for office you must have a 2.3 or above a cumulative GPA.
2. While in office the officer must maintain a 2.5 GPA and must have above 2.3 for more than one semester.
3. Officer must be a matriculated student and be in good standing with his or her college.
4. All officers serve for a term of ONE (1) YEAR or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. Officers release their position as soon as a successor is elected.
5. Any officer who, during the term of his/her office, ceases to be a voting member, or fails to maintain: his/her status as a matriculating undergraduate/graduate student maintaining a 2.5 GPA, in good academic and disciplinary standing with respective college, shall be removed from his/her office and a replacement shall be elected.
6. Current executive members, based on a majority vote, shall elect the replacement officer. Replacement officer must satisfy requirements listed above.

A) The President shall:

- I. Oversee all executive positions
- II. Main liaison between Nationals and the CHAARG Chapter
- III. Lead the weekly executive meetings.
- IV. Approve all CHAARG events.

B) The Vice President Membership shall:

- I. Oversee recruitment
- II. Manage membership information.
- III. Organize small groups

C) The Vice President Media shall:

- I. Interview CHAARG members for the "Member Monday" blog post.
- II. Manage CHAARG chapter social media.
- III. Take pictures and videos at CHAARG events
- IV. Upload pictures and videos to CHAARG Chapter Facebook the day after the event.

D) The Event Coordinator(s) shall:

- I. Schedule the weekly main events for the semester.
- II. Reserve rooms on campus if need be for CHAARG event.

E) The Secretary shall:

- I. Responsible for answering member's emails
- II. Takes the "minutes" of the exec meetings, and emails meeting minutes out to Exec and Nationals after each meeting

- F) The Treasurer shall:
- I. Oversee CHAARG Chapter's bank account.
  - II. Applies for programming and operating funds through the university.

The faculty advisor shall attend events when deemed necessary. The University Advisor shall be selected by the Executive Board and is responsible for advising the executive board with decisions and aiding when needed.

Executive officer meetings are to be held once a month, and can be called as necessary by the President.

Officers are selected via a committee consisting of two previous exec officers, the president, and a general member. They will review all applications for executive positions, and vote on the new executive team based on applications and interviews.

A vacant office can be filled through the application process and then will be decided on by the rest of the executive board.

#### **ARTICLE V. OPERATIONS**

Section 1. A. The selection of officers shall be done through an application process. Current members will have the opportunity to apply for positions within the organization. The current president and outgoing officers will review the applications and slate the next executive team. Only currently registered UGA students may hold office. Officers of the organization shall not be on academic or disciplinary probation. B. 1. Only full-time students may serve as officers. Full-time enrollment is defined as: a. Undergraduate: 12 or more credit hours per semester b. Graduate: 9 or more credit hours per semester.

1. All officers serve for a term of ONE (1) YEAR or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.

2. Current executive members, based on a majority vote, shall elect the replacement officer. Replacement officer must satisfy requirements listed above.

3. Elections will be held during the last three weeks of the spring semester of every year.

The provisions for removal of an officer include any officer who, during the term of his/her office, ceases to be a voting member, or fails to maintain; his/her status in matriculating undergraduate/graduate student, in good academic standing and disciplinary standing with respective college, shall be removed from his/her office and a replacement shall be elected.

#### **ARTICLE VI. FINANCES**

Section 1. CHAARG at University of Georgia will finance the activities it engages in by the following means:

Membership dues (appropriate amount set by CHAARG at University of Georgia, at national level)

#### **ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. The constitution is binding to all members of the CHAARG at University of Georgia. But the constitution is not binding unto itself.

Amendments to the constitution may be proposed in writing by any voting member of CHAARG at University of Georgia at any meeting at which 2/3 of the voting members is present.

These amendments will be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the executive council or other officer grouping.

Proposed amendments will become effective following approval of two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of active members.

### **ARTICLE VIII. REGISTRATION RENEWAL**

Section 1. CHAARG at **University of Georgia** will apply to the Office of Campus Life for registration on an annual basis at the end of spring semester for the following academic year.

#### **BY-LAWS**(Optional)

1) Membership:

Membership in CHAARG at **University of Georgia** is open to all currently enrolled students at **University of Georgia**. Membership can be achieved through the payment of dues to the national organization, after which the member will be placed on the chapter roster.

Dues for this organization shall be \$45 paid at the beginning of each semester. Dues are subject to change by the national organization.

Membership responsibilities shall include attending meetings, participating on committees, and paying organization dues.

Membership shall be terminated by the failure to pay dues or if a problem with said member has been brought to the executive board and reviewed by the executive board.