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Constitution

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CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We the members of the German American Law Society at UGA, and subscribing to the regulations and policies of the University of Georgia, establish this Constitution to govern the matters within our organization.

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization or association is: German American Law Society at UGA; in short GALS

ARTICLE II: Mission

The mission of the German American Law Society at UGA shall be to form a platform for interested students to exchange ideas and learn about the differences and similarities between the legal systems of the Federal Republic of Germany and the United States of America.

ARTICLE III: Membership

- a. Membership shall be limited to regularly enrolled University of Georgia students, faculty, staff members, as well as any alumni of the University of Georgia.
- b. There shall be no dues or payment necessary to be a member of the organization.

ARTICLE IV: Non-Discrimination

- a. Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, must be extended to all students without regard to age, ethnicity, gender, disability, color, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. *However* Religious student organizations will not be denied registration solely because they limit membership or leadership positions to students who share the same religious beliefs.
- 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. *However*, religious student organizations will not be denied registration solely because they limit membership or leadership positions to students who share the same religious beliefs. Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments Act of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex or handicap in most educational programs and activities within the University.

ARTICLE V: Officers

- a. The officers of this organization shall consist of: three officers, a president, a vice-president, and a treasurer. The president manages the organization and calls in meetings. The vice-president carries out the duties of the president when he is not able to do so. The treasurer watches over the organizational funds.
- b. An office shall be held for one academic year.
- d. There shall be no term limits as to the number of terms that an individual may be allowed to hold a particular office.
- e. Elections shall be held once a year. To be elected it takes the simple majority of the members present at the election meeting.
- f. An officer can be removed through a simple majority vote of the members present at the meeting called for removing the officer. Such a meeting can only be called by an officer. There shall be no appeal against the removal of an officer.
- g. If an office position is vacant then a special election meeting shall be called to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE VI: Meetings

- a. Meetings shall be held bi-weekly and called in by the president or vice-president via email.
- b. A quorum shall consist of fifty percent of voting members present at any meeting.

ARTICLE VII: Amendments

The constitution may be amended by a vote of 2/3 of the members present at the meeting and shall be in writing. The amendments shall be subject for final approval by the general membership of the organization.