

Constitution of the Association of Graduate Economics Students (AGES)

Article 1. Name

The Association of Graduate Economics Students (AGES) is an organization of graduate students in the Department of Economics at Tulane University.

Article 2. Membership

All graduate students within the department are considered members.

Article 3. Purpose

The Association of Graduate Economics Students will be a forum for discussion of the needs and opinions of the graduate students in the Department of Economics, will offer support and fraternity to its members, and will provide channels of communication between its members, faculty, and the Graduate Studies Student Association.

Article 4. Officers

Section 1. Officers

(i)The President of the AGES shall conduct all meetings of the organization and oversee elections.

(ii)The GSSA Representative(s) shall attend meetings of the GSSA and represent the desires of the AGES membership to GSSA. The numbers of GSSA Representatives shall be the maximum allowed by the GSSA.

(iii)The President may appoint members of the AGES to any additional offices are required for AGES to meet its purpose. These offices may include but are not limited to secretary, event-coordinator, Big Man on Campus (BMOC), and El Jefe.

Section 2. Terms of Office

Officers shall serve for an academic year and may be re-elected.

Section 3. Elections

Elections shall be held annually. Votes shall be cast by secret ballot and officers will be elected by simple majority. In the case in which there is a single candidate for an office, a show of hands will be allowed, but secret ballot will be required if requested by any AGES member. Elections may be held at meetings or by distribution of ballots.

Section 4. Removal of Officers

(i)The President and GSSA Representative may be removed by a two-thirds vote of membership. An officer must be informed of this vote at least two weeks in advance and be given opportunity to address the membership before the vote.

(ii) Appointed officers may be removed by simple majority.

Article 5. Meetings

The organization shall meet no less than two times annually. The members in attendance at the meeting shall constitute a quorum. Members are encouraged to bring snacks and are further encouraged to share.

Article 6. Ratification and Amendments

This constitution shall be ratified by two-thirds vote of AGES membership. Any member may propose an amendment to this constitution to the Chief. The Chief may call for a meeting or distribute a ballot to vote on the amendment. Amendments require two-thirds vote of AGES membership.