

Constitution for Libertarian Society At Georgia Tech
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Article I – Name

Section I. This organization will be known as the Libertarian Society at Georgia Tech, Hereafter referred to as LSGT.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of the LSGT is to:

1. Educate and inform the student body about the ideas of libertarianism.
2. Promote the libertarian ideology and method throughout Georgia Tech.
3. Advertise and publicize libertarian candidates running for any office.

Article III - Membership

Section I.

- A. All members of the LSGT will be Georgia Tech students who meet eligibility requirements for participation in extra-curricular activities as stated in the GT Catalog and SGA policies. Only Georgia Tech students can vote or hold office.
- B. Associate members are GT faculty, staff, or alumni and their spouses who are interested in the organization. They may not vote or hold office.
- C. There will be no maximum number of members.
- D. Membership will take effect when an interested party signs up on the membership roster and pays all dues.

Article IV – Officers

Section I. Only GT students eligible according to the GT Catalog can hold or run for office, and they must already be a member of the organization.

Section II. The duties of the Executive Committee will be as follows:

- A. President: The President will be the executive officer of the Executive Committee and will have general supervision of the affairs of the LSGT and will preside at all meetings.
- B. Vice-President: The VP will be the junior executive officer and will act on the behalf of the President in the event of his/her absence.
- C. Secretary: The Secretary will record the proceedings of each meeting and distribute the minutes to the members.
- D. Treasurer: The Treasurer will maintain records of all expenditures and ensure that generally accepted accounting practices and monetary controls are in place.

Section III. Officers will be elected in the following manner:

A. The elections for officers for the forthcoming year will take place no earlier than February 15th and no later than March 1 of each year.

B. Any student member of the GTLS may campaign or be nominated for any position on the Executive Committee. The candidate names will be emailed out to the list to be voted on at the following meeting.

C. The candidate for each office receiving a majority vote of members at the elections meeting will be considered the victor. If no candidate receives a majority vote, then there will be a run-off between the two candidates with the most votes. The candidate who receives the most votes will be the victor.

D. New officers take office at the 2nd to last meeting of the semester.

Section IV.

Officers shall be removed in this manner:

A. If an officer fails to maintain Institute requirements for holding office (good standing, for example), he or she shall resign immediately.

B. If it is believed that an officer is not fulfilling his or her constitutional duties, then a petition requesting his or her removal must be signed by at least half of the voting membership and presented at a general meeting. Then, upon verification of the validity of the petition, by the advisor, and, at least two weeks but no more than four weeks from the date of submission, another meeting shall be held at which the grievance will be presented, with both sides having the opportunity to present a case.

C. The Faculty Advisor, if appropriate, shall preside over the removal hearing. After all arguments have been heard, a secret-ballot vote shall be held. If at least two-thirds of the voting members present vote for removal, the officer shall be removed immediately.

D. If the President is removed or resigns, the Vice-President will take his/her place in the interim. If any officer other than the President is removed or resigns, the President will take his/her place in the interim. Regular election procedures will be followed to elect any vacant positions during the next meeting.

Article V – Advisor

Section I.

A full time GT faculty or staff member will serve as advisor to the organization.

Section II.

Nominations for advisor will take place within the Executive Board. The Executive Board will choose the advisor by a majority vote, and invite him/her to serve as advisor for the next academic year.

Section III.

During Officer Elections, the organization will vote on whether to continue the Advisor appointment or not. The vote must be 2/3rd of those voting in order to retain the Advisor for the next academic year.

Section IV.

The duties of Advisor include: meeting with organization officers, reviewing the yearly budget, signing all required paperwork and advising on issues of risk management, organization leadership, and Georgia Tech policy.

Section V.

The Advisor can be removed for not carrying out the duties and expectations as defined in this document. Any member can bring concerns to the Executive Board. The Executive Board will meet with the Advisor to discuss the concerns. After this meeting, the Executive Board will vote on whether to remove the Advisor. If there is a majority vote, then the Advisor will be removed.

Section VI.

If an Advisor steps down or is removed, the Executive Board will follow the process stated in Article V Section II.

Article VI - Dues

Dues will be determined at the beginning of the Fall semester by the Executive committee by a majority vote, and then voted on by the membership. If the majority of members vote to approve the dues amount set by the Executive committee, the specified amount will take effect immediately. Dues will not be less than the required amount designated by SGA. To be paid by the third week of the semester or by the second week of membership.

Article VII – Parliamentary Procedure

Section I. Robert's Rules of Order will govern all meetings.

Article VIII – Constitutional Amendments

Section I.

Amendments to the constitution shall be submitted to the Executive Committee in writing for consideration. A reading or email of the proposed amendment(s) will be required prior to submitting the amendment to a vote.

Section II.

Written notification of the proposed amendment to all voting members must be made by mail or email, at least two weeks in advance of any proposed change in the constitution.

Section IV.

A two-thirds vote of members present will be required for adoption.

Section III.

Amendments are subject to the approval by the Student Government Association and the Student Activities Committee.