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Young Americans for Freedom Chapter

At The Ohio State University

ARTICLE I

PURPOSES

Section 1. Nature of Organization. The Chapter is an unincorporated association

affiliated with Young Americans for Freedom, which is a project of Young America’s

Foundation, 11480 Commerce Park Dr, Reston, Virginia 20191 (800-USA-1776; www.yaf.org)

and shall be operated in accordance with the provisions of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal

Revenue Code and the regulations issued thereunder.

Section 2. Primary Purposes. The Chapter is organized for the purposes set forth in its

Chapter Constitution.

ARTICLE II

Membership

*Section 1. Eligibility*. General Membership is open to all full and part time students who support

the purposes as stated in the Chapter Constitution.

*Section 3. Denial and Termination of Membership*. The Executive Board can request to the

President or a designated representative of Young America’s Foundation that a request for a current student’s membership be terminated, for reasons of member constant disruption of general member meetings and/or threats or violence towards members or the executive board.

ARTICLE III

Executive Board

Section 1. General Powers. The Executive Board shall have the general power to

manage and control the affairs and property of the Chapter, and shall have full power, by

majority vote, to adopt rules and regulations governing the action of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Number. The Executive Board shall consist of the Officers.

Section 3. Annual and Regular Meetings. The Executive Board shall schedule an annual

meeting of the Chapter in the Spring Semester to elect officers, and such other meetings of the

Executive Board and of the Chapter at such time and place as the Board shall determine.

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by

or at the request of the Chairman or any two officers. The person or persons authorized to call

special meetings of the Executive Board may fix any reasonable date, hour, and place as the date,

hour, and place for holding any special meeting of the Executive Board called by them.

Section 5. Notice. Notice of any special meeting of the Executive Board shall be

given at least ten (10) days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by

mail or e-mail to each officer at his address as shown in the records of the Chapter. If mailed,

such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed

envelope so addressed, with postage prepaid. If notice be given by e-mail, such notice shall be

deemed to be delivered when the e-mail is transmitted by the sender. Any officer may waive

notice of any meeting. The attendance of an officer at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of

notice of such meeting, except where an officer attends a meeting for the express purpose of

objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or

convened. The business to be transacted at, and the purpose of, any annual meeting of the

Executive Board need not be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

Section 6. Quorum and Proxies. A majority of the total number of officers in office shall

constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Executive Board; but, if

less than a majority of the officers are present at said meeting, a majority of the officers present

may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice. Proxies shall not be

permitted.

Section 7. Manner of Acting. The act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting

at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Executive Board, unless the act of a greater

number is required by law or by these Bylaws.

Section 8. Compensation. Officers as such shall not receive any salaries for their

services but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses.

Section 9. Informal Action. Any action may be taken without a meeting of the Executive

Board if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all of the

Officers.

Section 10. Removal. Elected officers may be removed under the following official impeachment process. An impeachment ruling must be called to motion by at least one officer and a second officer or general member during a meeting that has been pre-planned and established with a notice to all general or executive members of at least 5 business days (one week). This meeting may not purposefully exclude the officer in question but instead provide him or her with an equal opportunity to attend such a meeting. When a motion is called to order and seconded, a vote will commence (annonymous not required) and a quorum is required to remove said officer. Reasons for removal include but are not limited to: Incompetence as a board member, violation of OSU Code of Student Conduct or Title IX, failure to meet expectations or obligations, failure to perform agreed upon duties, failure to adhere to the “Sharon Statement”, any other activity or behavior deemed unacceptable by law, school policy, sitting board members, etc. If a quorum of present members (executive and/or general) is met, then the officer in question is to be removed immediately and status shall be demoted to a general member on the roster. As a general member, said former-officer will be subject to review based upon general member standing by the remaining board.

ARTICLE III

Appointed Officers

Section 1. Purposes. The President may appoint such additional officers to assist in the

performance of the duties of the Officers and the Executive Board as the President considers

appropriate, such as:

(a) Public Relations Chair, which shall be responsible for all publicity and

publications.

(b) Activities Chair, which shall be responsible for the program of the scheduled

events, and be responsible for the reports to the membership for the examination of

Chapter membership.

(c) Recruitment Chair, which shall be responsible for the expansion of Chapter

membership.

Section 2. Number, Election, and Term of Office. The number of appointed officers

shall be determined by the Chapter Chairman. Club members in good standing shall be

appointed by the Chapter Chairman and shall serve until resignation or removal by the Chapter

Chairman.

Section 3. Vacancies. Vacancies in any of the appointed officer positions shall be filled

by the Chapter Chairman.

Section 4. Action or Approval of Executive Board. All powers delegated in this Article

to the Chapter Chairman are subject to approval or disapproval by the Executive Board, and such

powers may be exercised by the Board (by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board) at any

regular or special meeting thereof.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The Officers of the Chapter shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman,

a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Other Officer provisions may be created by resolution of the

Executive Board and filled by election of the members.

Section 2. Election and Term of Office. The initial Officers of the Chapter shall be

elected by a majority vote of the members of the Chapter at an organizational meeting and shall

serve until their successors are elected. Thereafter, officers shall be elected at an annual meeting

held during the Spring Semester, to serve for a period of one year or until their successors are

duly elected and qualified.

Section 3. Removal. Any Officer may be removed upon an affirmative vote of a

majority of the members, whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Chapter would be

served thereby.

Section 4. Vacancies. A vacancy in an office because of death, resignation, removal,

disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Chairman for the unexpired portion of the

term. A vacancy in the office of the Chairman will be filled by the Vice Chairman until a

permanent Chairman is duly elected by the members.

Section 5. Chairman. The Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Chapter

and, in general, shall supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Chapter. The

Chairman may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper Officer of the Chapter authorized by

the Executive Board, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments or documents

which the Executive Board has authorized to be executed; and the Chairman shall perform all

such other duties as are prescribed in these Bylaws, and as may be prescribed by the Executive

Board from time to time.

Section 6. Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall carry out such duties as assigned by

the Executive Board or the Chairman. In the event of the death, resignation or removal of the

Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall assume the office of Chairman until the members elect a

successor to the Chairman.

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the

Executive Board and the members; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the

provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; be custodian of the Chapter records; and

perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Secretary by the Chairman

or by the Executive Board.

Section 8. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds and securities of

the Chapter; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Chapter and deposit all

such monies in the name of the Chapter in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as

shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws; and perform such other

duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Treasurer by the Chapter or by the Executive

Board.

ARTICLE V

CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

Section 1. Contracts. The Executive Board may authorize any Officer or Officers, agent

or agents of the Chapter, in addition to or in place of the Officers so authorized by the Bylaws, to

enter into a contract or execute and deliver any instrument or document in the name and on

behalf of the Chapter, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. Checks, Drafts, and Similar Documents. All checks, drafts or orders for the

payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Chapter,

shall be signed by such Officer or Officers and/or agent or agents of the Chapter and in such

manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Executive Board.

Section 3. Deposits. All funds of the Chapter shall be deposited from time to time to the

credit of the Chapter in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Executive Board

may select.

Section 4. Gifts and Contributions. The Executive Board may accept on behalf of the

Chapter any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purposes or for any special

purpose of the Chapter. Such contributions, gifts, bequests, or devises shall be in conformity

with the laws of the United States, and any other relevant jurisdiction.

ARTICLE VI

BOOKS AND RECORDS

The Chapter shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and also shall

keep minutes of the proceedings of its Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last

day of December in each year.

ARTICLE VIII

WAIVER OF NOTICE

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of the Constitution or

the Bylaws of the Chapter, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to

such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the

giving of such notice.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

The Bylaws may be conditionally altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws may be

adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual, regular or special meeting, if

at least thirty (30) days written notice is given of intention to alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws

or to adopt new Bylaws at such meeting. The Chapter must submit any proposed amendments to Young America’s Foundation for review, not less than 30 days before the date for proposed

adoption. The Chapter understands that Young America’s Foundation discretion to deny any

proposed amendments. The Chapter agrees not to adopt any amendments not approved by

Young America’s Foundation

ADOPTED AT THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

OF THE MEMBERS

Young Americans for Freedom

Chapter Constitution

**Article I. Organization**

A. The name of this organization shall be the Young Americans for Freedom Chapter,

(hereinafter referred to as the “Chapter”).

B. The Chapter operates under the auspices of the national Young Americans for

Freedom, which is a project of Young America’s Foundation, 11480 Commerce Park

Dr, Reston, Virginia 20191, (800-USA-1776, http://www.yaf.org/), a Virginia

nonprofit corporation, exempt from federal income taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the

Internal Revenue Code.

**Article II. Purposes**

The purposes of this Chapter are as follows:

A. To provide an organizational framework to promote the general principles of Young

Americans for Freedom which were adopted in Sharon, Connecticut on September 11,

1960, as follows:

In this time of moral and political crises, it is the responsibility of the youth of America to

affirm certain eternal truths.

We, as young conservatives, believe:

That foremost among the transcendent values is the individual's use of his God-given free

will, whence derives his right to be free from the restrictions of arbitrary force;

That liberty is indivisible, and that political freedom cannot long exist without economic

freedom;

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That the purpose of government is to protect those freedoms through the preservation of

internal order, the provision of national defense, and the administration of justice;

That when government ventures beyond these rightful functions, it accumulates power,

which tends to diminish order and liberty;

That the Constitution of the United States is the best arrangement yet devised for

empowering government to fulfill its proper role, while restraining it from the

concentration and abuse of power;

That the genius of the Constitution- the division of powers- is summed up in the clause

that reserves primacy to the several states, or to the people, in those spheres not

specifically delegated to the Federal government;

That the market economy, allocating resources by the free play of supply and demand, is

the single economic system compatible with the requirements of personal freedom and

constitutional government, and that it is at the same time the most productive supplier of

human needs;

That when government interferes with the work of the market economy, it tends to reduce

the moral and physical strength of the nation; that when it takes from one man to bestow

on another, it diminishes the incentive of the first, the integrity of the second, and the

moral autonomy of both;

That we will be free only so long as the national sovereignty of the United States is secure;

that history shows periods of freedom are rare, and can exist only when free citizens

concertedly defend their rights against all enemies;

That the forces of international Communism are, at present, the greatest single threat to

these liberties;

That the United States should stress victory over, rather than coexistence with, this

menace; and

That American foreign policy must be judged by this criterion: does it serve the just

interests of the United States?

B. To conduct educational activities and provide conservative leadership to bring about the

objectives outlined in the Sharon Statement.

C. To assist students in their efforts to understand and promote conservatism on campus and

in the surrounding community.

**Article III. Membership**

*Section 1. Eligibility*. General Membership is open to all full and part-time students at

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(hereinafter “the school”) who support the general principles of the Sharon Statement, and agree

to abide by the rules of this Chapter. Any such student desiring to become a member shall submit

a signed application for membership on a form provided by the Chapter.

*Section 2. Alumni Membership*. Alumni (nonvoting) Membership is available for all persons

formerly enrolled at the school who support the general principles of the Sharon Statement and

who submit a signed application for membership on a form provided by the Chapter.

*Section 3. Membership Approval*. Membership applications shall be processed in accordance with

the Bylaws.

*Section 4. Termination of Membership*. Membership shall be terminated in accordance with the

Bylaws. Termination of membership by the chapter may be appealed to the Executive Board for the reasons of disruption of meetings, threats of violence or harm to other members or any attempt to sabotage the goals of the chapter.

*Section 5. Anti-Discrimmination Statement.* This organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

**Article IV. Executive Board**

*Section 1.* The Executive Board shall consist of the officers.

*Section 2.* The Executive Board shall meet at least once a month and at such other times as it

deems necessary or desirable according to the Bylaws.

**Article V. Officers**

*Section 1.* The Officers of this Chapter shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and

Treasurer, and such other Officers as may be prescribed in the Bylaws. The duties of the Officers

shall be prescribed in the Bylaws.

*Section 2.* The Founding Chairman will be selected by Young America’s Foundation. The

The Founding Chairman shall appoint the remaining founding officers. The founding officers will

serve until the Initial Officers are elected pursuant to the Bylaws.

*Section 3.* Initial Officers shall be elected at the organizational meeting (normally during the first

full month of the fall semester), shall take office upon election, and shall serve until the annual

meeting takes place and their successors have been duly elected and qualified. Thereafter, officers

shall be elected at the annual meetings to serve for a period of one year or until their successors

are selected.

Section 4. Removal.(**UPDATED)** Elected officers may be removed under the following official impeachment process. An impeachment ruling must be called to motion by at least one officer and a second officer or general member during a meeting that has been pre-planned and established with a notice to all general or executive members of at least 5 business days (one week). This meeting may not purposefully exclude the officer in question but instead provide him or her with an equal opportunity to attend such a meeting. When a motion is called to order and seconded, a vote will commence (annonymous not required) and a quorum is required to remove said officer. Reasons for removal include but are not limited to: Incompetence as a board member, violation of OSU Code of Student Conduct or Title IX, failure to meet expectations or obligations, failure to perform agreed upon duties, failure to adhere to the “Sharon Statement”, any other activity or behavior deemed unacceptable by law, school policy, sitting board members, etc. If a quorum of present members (executive and/or general) is met, then the officer in question is to be removed immediately and status shall be demoted to a general member on the roster. As a general member, said former-officer will be subject to review based upon general member standing by the remaining board.

**Article VI. Chapter Meetings**

Except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws:

*Section 1.* Meetings of the Chapter shall be at least once a month.

*Section 2.* The Election of Officers for the Chapter shall be held during the spring semester of

each year.

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*Section 3*. Special Chapter meetings shall be at the call of the Chairman, at the call of a majority

of the Executive Board, or by written petition of 10 (ten) members in good standing.

*Section 4.* All meetings shall be held only after due notice as set forth in the Bylaws.

**Article VII. Amendments**

*Section 1*. Proposed amendments to this Constitution may be conditionally ratified, subject to

approval by Young America’s Foundation, by a two-thirds vote of members present at a regularly

scheduled or special meeting. The Chapter must submit any proposed amendments to Young

America’s Foundation, for review, not less than 30 days before the date for proposed adoption.

The Chapter understands that Young America’s Foundation has discretion to deny any proposed

amendments. The Chapter agrees not to adopt any amendments not approved by Young

America’s Foundation.

*Section 2*. Said amendments must be presented in writing at a regular or special meeting and

voted upon at the next meeting; and the substance of the proposed amendments must be included

in the Notice of said meetings.

**Article VIII. License**

This chapter recognizes that it is licensed to use the name “Young Americans for

Freedom” and “YAF” and the YAF logo subject to its Chapter Agreement with Young America’s

Foundation, contingent on (a) its operations being consistent with section 501(c)(3) of the

Internal Revenue Code, and (b) its compliance with its Constitution, Bylaws, and Chapter

Agreement, and (c) its compliance with all applicable laws.

**Article IX. Diversity Statment (UPDATED)**

YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM CHAPTER AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY AFFIRMS THE Statement of nondiscrimination prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with [Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines](https://activities.osu.edu/posts/documents/student-organization-registration-guidelines-updated-may-2021.pdf) of the Ohio State University.

The chapter and its members do not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

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