

## Ayn Rand Club

Ayn Rand Club is an organization dedicated to the continuing study of the philosophy developed by Ayn Rand. The fundamentals of the philosophy are best summarized as:

Metaphysics: objective reality

Epistemology: reason

Ethics: rational egoism

This organization will seek to provide for the students at the University of Florida access to literature, activities, and information concerning the philosophy of Objectivism. It will serve as an information bureau and a center for educational activities, such as guest speakers and videotapes.

### Article 1: Membership

Membership is open to all UF students, faculty, staff, and student spouses that are interested in the philosophy of Objectivism. The executive committee of the club reserves the right to expel a member after a hearing. (Faculty, staff and student spouses cannot vote or hold office.)

### Article 2: Meetings

Meetings will occur bi-weekly. More frequent meetings will be authorized by the decision of officers or members.

### Article 3: Executive Committee

The executive committee shall consist of a president, a vice-president, and a secretary/treasurer.

### Article 4: Duties of Executive Committee

\* President: To be responsible for continuous operation of the club. To represent the club to other organizations.

\* Vice-President: To perform the duties of the president in the president's absence. To perform specific tasks delegated by the president.

\* Secretary/Treasurer: To be the custodian of the constitution. To handle all communication designated by the president, especially with the membership. To disseminate notices of club events and meetings. To keep the financial records of the club. To report on the financial position of the club when requested to do so by the president.

### Article 5: Selection of Officers

1) The executive committee for each term (semester) will be selected at a meeting near the end of the previous term as called by the committee for that term.

2) The executive committee shall nominate a slate of officers for the next term which will be submitted for approval by the membership. If the slate is not approved, open nominations and elections for each position will be held during the meeting at which the selection of the officers is to take place.

3) A by-election will be called by the remaining officers if any office should become vacant.

#### Article 6: Impeachment of Executive Officers

A member of the executive committee may be removed from office if a two-thirds majority of members so decide at a meeting called by the other executive officers for the purpose of making a decision on this matter. No members may be expelled from the club while impeachment proceedings are pending.

#### Article 7: Finances

No dues will be required for membership.

#### Article 8: Amendments

Amendments to this constitution must be approved by a majority of the executive committee and then by two thirds of the members voting at a meeting where the amendment is presented. The secretary shall notify each club member of the proposed amendment at least one week prior to the meeting at which it will be considered.

#### Article 9: Regulations

Ayn Rand Club members are expected to adhere to the Student Guide and all the other laws, rules, and regulations governing the University of Florida and its students. Harassment, discrimination, and hazing are all prohibited under these rules. Members are always free to disassociate from Ayn Rand Club without fear of retribution or harassment. Discrimination of race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, disability, and sexual orientation is not allowed.

#### Article 10: Libertarianism

The Ayn Rand Club disavows any connection to Libertarianism, a doctrine which is incompatible with Objectivism and incompatible with the goals of this club. Any attempt by a club member to use the club or club name in order to advance Libertarianism-or any philosophy other than Objectivism-shall be grounds to revoke that individual's membership in the Ayn Rand Club.

#### Article 11. Faculty Advisor

The faculty advisor is not an official ambassador of the club. The purpose of the faculty advisor is to provide guidance and advice about logistical matters and deliver any information from the University to the club directly.