

## **“Behavioral Economics at UNC Chapel Hill” CONSTITUTION 3/18/2024**

### **Article I - NAME**

*Section 1:* Title: Behavioral Economics Club at UNC Chapel Hill

### **Article II - PURPOSE**

To understand the predictable irrationalities of humanity and use them to improve our communities and better our understanding of the world.

### **Article III - MEMBERSHIP**

*Section 1:* Active Members

Only currently enrolled UNC-CH students can be active members with the right to vote and hold office

*Section 4:* Membership Rules of Order

Any level of interest is perfectly acceptable, so long as members have a desire to learn. Show respect to other members, even if their ideas may differ from your own. No hate speech or personal attacks on others.

*Section 5:* Non-Discrimination Statement

The organization abides by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Non-Discrimination Policy for Student Organizations, which states the following: (A) Membership and participation in the organization must be open to all students without regard to age, race, color, national origin, disability, religious status or historic religious affiliation, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Membership and participation in the organization must also be open without regard to gender, unless exempt under Title IX. (B) Student organizations that select their members on the basis of commitment to a set of beliefs (e.g., religious or political beliefs) may limit membership and participation in the organization to students who, upon individual inquiry, affirm that they support the organization's goals and agree with its beliefs, so long as no student is excluded from membership or participation on the basis of his or her age, race, color, national origin, disability, religious status or historic religious affiliation, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or, unless exempt under Title IX, sex.\*

*Section 6:* Duties of Members

Members are expected to make their best effort to attend, but if they are unable to they will not be removed from the club. Members are expected to attend with new ideas and observations if possible, but it is also acceptable merely to listen in. Members should express interest and help work on at least one aspect of curriculum or research opportunity per year, but working on more is strongly encouraged.

*Section 8:* Removal of Members

To remove a member or officer, adequate written notice to that person (7 days minimum) is required before officially removing them from the organization \*\* Removal procedures follow due process, including the right to speak on one's behalf, and right to an appeal. If a member is consistently bringing down other members of the club or hindering the research or curriculum creation process, they may face grounds for removal. If a member does not contribute to their one yearly project they may also face grounds for removal. They will be granted due process and a majority vote from other members will be the verdict. The process may take place at a normal meeting. Over the 7 days: Day 1: Email Notification. Day 3: Hearing. Day 5: Final Notification of Removal. Day 7: Removal.

## **Article IV – ELECTED OFFICERS**

### *Section 1: Officers*

President, vice-president, financial officer, general project chair, curriculum chair, research chair, recruitment chair.

All major officers of the organization must be full-time, registered students of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

### *Section 2: Duties of Officers*

#### 1. President

- a. Oversees day-to-day responsibilities and all the general responsibilities of other officers. Sets the dates of the meetings, decides on the content of meetings, and assists in helping the research and curriculum chairs.
- b. Provides material for the meetings.

#### 2. Vice President

- a. Works side by side with President to help oversee general club responsibilities.

#### 3. Secretary

- a. Responsible for keeping records of meetings, handling correspondence, and maintaining club documents.

#### 4. Financial Officer/Treasurer

- a. While there will not be many finances involved, if funds need to be collected for ambitious research tasks or supplies for the curriculum they must collect and organize the funds from those that wish to be involved.

#### 5. General Project Chair

- a. Helps to oversee both curriculum and research chair. Ideally has past experience working in one of these roles and can now provide general knowledge to assist them.

#### 6. Curriculum Chair

- a. Takes the lead on distilling the ideas at club meetings from members into a workable curriculum. Takes the lead on the creation of the physical and digital aspects of the curriculum.

#### 7. Research Chair

- a. Listen to ideas from other members to steer members toward research opportunities. Responsible for logistics of trials/focus groups the club may conduct.

#### 8. Recruitment Chair

- a. Responsible for attracting new members to the club.

### *Section 3: Election of Officers*

Elections will be held during the 4<sup>th</sup> week of each semester through a majority show of hands. Members who wish to run for an officer position must inform the president of their willingness to do so and arrive to a designated election meeting with a brief speech on why they deserve the position. Their length of office will run until the end of the semester whereafter they will have to run again. There are no requirements for running apart from being an active member (meaning you have attended at least one meeting). All major officers of the organization must be full-time, registered students of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA both during elections and while holding office.

### *Section 4: Removal of Officers*

If any officers fail to fulfill the duties of their position (or miss more than 1 meeting per semester without a reasonable excuse) they may be subject to removal from their position. If any officers violate the norms expected of a standard member, they may be subject to removal from their position. If the President and Vice-President are in agreement on a removal then a vote will be held by majority show of hands at the next meeting date. All removal will follow due process, including adequate written notice - 7 days minimum, the

right to speak on one's behalf, and right to an appeal.

#### **Article V – MEETINGS** (If applicable)

*Section 1: Business Meetings:* Meetings will be held once every three weeks. The President will arrange the time and place in advance. A quorum of membership will require at least 50% of club members to be present.

*Section 2: Executive Board Meetings:* Executive Board meetings will be held once every two weeks. The President will arrange the time and place. A special meeting can be called with the approval of the President for extenuating circumstances such as a disciplinary violation or an urgent new idea.

#### **Article VII - ADVISOR**

##### *Section 1: Qualifications*

The advisor requires no special qualifications.

The advisor must be a full-time faculty or staff member of UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC Hospitals, or an affiliated department; an emeritus UNC-Chapel Hill faculty or staff member; a UNC-CH retiree with affiliate status; or a campus minister. The advisor does not have the right to vote.

##### *Section 2: Duties*

The advisor must merely be open to attending meetings at their discretion and providing advice to both the executive board and members. Advice can be about specific club content or simply general practical organization advice.

#### **Article XI - RATIFICATION**

Show of hands majority vote at the election meeting.

#### **Article XII - AMENDMENTS**

The amendment will be presented to the Executive Board and ratified through a two-thirds vote. The constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of active membership, provided the amendment has been submitted to members in writing at least one week prior to the business meeting.





