

# Young Americans for Freedom

## Chapter Constitution



### Article I.

The name of this organization shall be University of South Florida Young Americans for Freedom, herein and after referred to as the "Chapter."

### Article II. Purposes

1. To provide the organizational framework to promote the general principles of Young Americans for Freedom which were adopted in Sharon, Connecticut on September 11, 1960.

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;

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?

2. To provide conservative leadership and to take all necessary action to bring about the realization of the general aims outlined in the Sharon Statement.
3. To carry out all activities necessary, both locally and nationally, that may be necessary to bring about ultimate realization of the Sharon Statement.
4. To assist students in their efforts to promote conservatism in the college and surrounding community.

### **Article III. Membership**

*Section 1. Eligibility.* General Membership is open to all full and part time University of South Florida Students. As well as to any persons under the age of 40 (forty), potential eligible members must swear to uphold the Sharon Statement in order to be considered for membership.

*Section 2. Associate Membership.* General Membership is available for all persons over the age of 40 (forty), potential eligible members must swear to uphold the Sharon Statement in order to be considered for membership.

*Section 3. General Membership Dues.* Dues for general membership are set at \$5.00 (five dollars) for two years, or \$10.00 (ten dollars) for five years.

*Section 4. Associate Membership Dues.* Dues for Associate membership are set at \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars) annually.

*Section 5. Membership Approval.* The chairman and the Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or deny any membership application received for any reason deemed to be in the best interest of University of South Florida YAF

*Section 6. Termination of Membership.* The Chairman holds the explicit authority to terminate membership of any member or Board Member for the better interests of University of South Florida YAF. Board Members can veto a termination with a two-thirds vote against the termination.

## **Article IV. Officers**

*Section 1.* The officers of this chapter shall be a Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, and such other officers as may be prescribed in the by-laws.

*Section 2.* The duties of the Officers shall be prescribed in the by-laws.

*Section 3.* Permanent Officers elected at the organizational meeting (on the first week of the fall semester) shall take office at once and shall serve until the annual meeting and their successors have been duly elected and qualified. Thereafter, officers shall be elected at the annual meetings to serve for a period of two semesters until meetings shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Board.

## **Article V. Executive Board**

*Section 1.* The Executive Board shall consist of the Chairman, Executive Director, Membership Director and other officers as determined by the Chapter.

*Section 2.* The Executive Board shall meet at least once a month and at such other times as necessary upon a majority vote of the Executive Board.

## **Article VI. Meetings**

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

*Section 2.* The Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be held during the fall semester of each year.

*Section 3.* Special meetings shall be at the call of the Chairman, at the call of a majority of the Executive Committee, or by written petition of 10 (ten) members in good standing.

## **Article VII. Amendments**

*Section 1.* This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.

*Section 2.* Said amendments must be presented in writing at one meeting and voted upon at the next meeting; the substance of the proposed amendments must be included in the Notice of said meetings.

Anthony Davis  
Founding Chairman

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Date

