Makers Club Constitution

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Makers Club Constitution
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Article I: Name
The name of this organization shall be Makers Club at the University of North Alabama (UNA).

Article II: Purpose
The purpose of this organization is to promote technological innovation and collaboration, to facilitate the use of the ThinkSpace at UNA and to promote an interactive community of students interested in technology.

Article III: University Organization
Makers Club is an organization at the University of North Alabama. Therefore the club shall follow all policies and procedures listed in the Student Handbook and the RSO Handbook.

Article IV: Membership
Section A. Active Members
1. Active membership in Makers Club is open to all currently enrolled students (full-time, part-time, dual enrollment, graduate) of the University of North Alabama with an interest in technological innovation.
2. Members will be considered active if they attend at least one-half of the scheduled meetings within a given semester.
3. All active members are eligible to vote on issues regarding the club including but not limited to: officer election, selection of sponsored events, and other club activities.
   a. Members must be present at the meeting in order to vote.

Section B. Honorary Members
1. Honorary members may be faculty or staff members of the University of North Alabama whose membership will enhance the club’s purpose.
2. Honorary members must have their membership approved by active members with a majority vote.
3. Honorary Members do not have voting privileges.

Section C. Membership Qualifications
1. Membership in Makers Club shall not be denied based on age, color, disability, gender, familial status, marital status, national origin, political affiliations, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, appearances (height, weight, hair type, etc), or any other attribute that is in conflict with Title IX.
2. Members must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Article V: Officers
Section A. Elected Positions
1. President – The duties of the president include: planning and presiding over meetings, publicize meetings and events, maintain all social media outlets, attend monthly president cabinet meetings hosted by SGA and to perform any other duties needed to fulfill the Purpose of the club.
2. Vice-President—the duties of the vice-president include: assisting the president and to assume presidential duties in the absence of the president.
3. Secretary—the duties of the secretary include: maintaining an updated membership list with email or other contact information, to record all meeting minutes, record roll.
4. Treasurer—the duties of the treasurer include: to collect and expend at the direction of the club all money, keep and maintain the club budget, and apply for allocation funding when necessary (must attend allocations training).
5. Public Relations Manager--The duties of the PR manager include: maintaining all social media outlets, publicize meetings and events and create advertising material when needed.

Section B. Qualifications for holding officers
1. All active members that are on academic, social, or disciplinary probation are prohibited from holding any office.
2. The office of the president cannot be held by a freshman. Additionally, the president must have completed at least two semesters at the University of North Alabama.
3. Each officer shall have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Officers must provide a transcript to the faculty advisor before elections.

Section C. Selection of Officers
1. Elections will be held in April for the following academic year.
2. All officers will serve a term of one academic year beginning in May, unless the officer graduates in December then a half-term is acceptable.
3. Nominations will be taken at a regular meeting. Students nominated will be vetted by the faculty advisor(s).
4. A meeting will be held to vote on approved student nominees at least two weeks from the nomination meeting. Voting is anonymous and will be declared by majority.

Section D. Filling Vacancies
1. Should any position(s) become vacant they will be filled by an emergency vote or advisor nomination according to the procedures outlined in Article IV, section C.

Section E. Recall of Officers
1. Officers may be removed from their positions in the following instances: failure to perform their duties, excessive absences, abuse of club resources or a change in academic standing.
2. A majority vote is necessary for impeachment. Voting on impeachment must be managed by the faculty advisor. The votes will not be shared with other students.

Article VI: Advisors
The club shall be sponsored by one or more faculty members from the University of North Alabama.

Article VII: Meetings
Meetings will be held twice a month in the ThinkSpace (Collier Library Basement) at a time determined by the membership. Additionally officers will meet with the advisor(s) at least once a semester for planning purposes.
Article VIII: Financial

Section A: Dues and fundraising
1. There shall be no dues for joining this organization.
2. The club may raise funds through fundraising activities

Section B: Budget
1. The treasurer will present a budget outline each academic year at the beginning of the fall semester.
2. Approval of the budget requires a two-thirds vote of the membership

Article IX: Amendments

This constitution may be amended or altered by a majority vote. Any proposed amendments or alterations must be presented at a regular meeting two weeks before it is voted on.