UMKC Economics Club Constitution
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Article 1: Name
The name of the organization shall be the Economics Club of the University of Missouri-Kansas City hereinafter referred to as the UMKC Economics Club or the Club.

Article 2: Purpose
The purpose of the club shall be: to encourage a greater understanding of economic issues; to foster enhanced participation in community, university, and national activities in the field of economics; to create a forum for expounding ideas; and to facilitate the cooperation of faculty and students in an informal setting.

Article 3: Membership
Membership in the UMCK Economics Club shall be open to all duly enrolled students at UMKC, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels and to all interested faculty members. There are no restrictions regarding majors or academic standing; the club is open to all interested persons.

The club does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, disability or Vietnam era veterans' status in determining membership.

Hazing is strictly prohibited in the State of Missouri and by the University. Hazing is defined as any willful act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, directed against a student or a prospective member of an organization operating under the sanction of an educational institution, that recklessly endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or prospective member for the purpose of initiation or admission into or continued membership in any such organization.

Acts of hazing include, but are not limited to:
• Any activity that recklessly endangers the physical health or safety of the student or prospective member, including but not limited to physical brutality, whipping, beating, branding, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug or other substance.
• Any activity that endangers the mental health of the student or prospective member, including but not limited to sleep deprivation, physical confinement, or other extreme stress inducing activity.
• Any activity that requires the student or prospective member to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the criminal laws of this state or any political subdivision in this state. Hazing is a class C Felony.

Article 4: Meetings
Meeting times and dates will be determined at the discretion of the officers but ought to include at least two meetings each semester. A meeting is defined as any officially announced gathering of at least an officer and a member of the club. All meetings are open to the public, except special meetings such as the annual pizza party which is open to club members only. Quorum for conduction business will be by announcement to officers through a notice left in the club
mailbox and/or telephone notification. Official meetings of the officers must include at least two of the four officers for any final decisions. Meetings will be conducted by the highest ranking officer present. In the case of committee meetings an appointed leader will conduct related business.

Article 5: Officers
Officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary ranked according to the previous order. Officers will hold office from the end of the fall semester in which elections are held and shall continue until the elections the following fall (1 year term). If an officer will graduate or be unable to carry out his/her duties in the interim, the current officer corps will have the discretion to appoint a temporary replacement until new elections are held in the fall. Candidates for offices will be chosen on a volunteer basis and each person will be given opportunity to present their views and reasons for running for office during the aforementioned meeting. Voting for officers will be by secret ballot. In the case of more than two competitors for the same office, the top two vote getters in the initial vote will advance to a runoff. The winner in the runoff or original election proceeding must have at least 50% of the valid votes. Duties of the President include primary organization of meetings and activities and leading all meetings when present. The details of organizing lectures or any other activities may be delegated to either a committee or another officer or another member. However, responsibility for the completion of said functions is the President’s. The Vice President shall be charged with backing up the President as second in command. Duties will be assigned at the President’s discretion. The Treasurer will be in charge of the club checking account and must keep all records and receipts relating to club activities and expenses. The Secretary will be charged with communication activities including mailings and flyers. The Secretary may request any other officer or member help with these activities. In case of any absence of a member in the performing of the duties of his/her office, the President and the Vice President shall have responsibility for the completion of such tasks.

Article 6: Faculty Advisors
A) A qualified faculty, staff, or community member must be selected by the membership as an advisor.
B) All Economics faculty will be considered honorary members of the Economics Club.

Article 7: Special Provisions
A) It is further understood that if this organization desires at any time in the future to change in any way the provisions of this Constitution, that before such action is taken, the organization will submit for approval to the Student Government Association and the Student Life Office every detail of the desired changes to be made.
B) Any amendments to this charter shall take precedent over said charter.

Article 8:
The books of account shall be kept up to date and open to inspection of the University auditor.