GSAA was established to enhance the academic, professional, and social experience of MS in Accounting students. GSAA provides networking opportunities to connect students with industry professionals.

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Constitution:

PREAMBLE

We, the members of The Graduate Student Accounting Association, do hereby establish this Constitution in order that our purpose is realized to its fullest extent.

ARTICLE I: Name
The organization’s name is The Graduate Student Accounting Association, hereafter referred to as "the GSAA", "the GSA Association" or "the Organization". The governing body of the GSAA shall be called the GSA Association Board, hereafter referred to as "the Officers", "Executives" or "the Board". The GSAA shall be affiliated to the governing body.

ARTICLE II: Purpose
GSAA is established to enhance the academic, professional and social experience of MS Accounting students by providing a good network environment and coordinating all student-run activities. The GSAA is charged with, but not limited to:

i. Promoting and enhancing the reputation of the R.H. Smith MS Accounting program;
ii. Enhancing the educational experience and professional development of all members;
iii. Providing a good networking environment for Smith community and enhancing communications among Accounting students, alumni, faculty and professionals; and
iv. Adding value to the program by coordinating student-run events and activities.

In order to accomplish these efforts, the GSAA shall work in conjunction with Master of Science in Business Association (hereafter referred to as ‘MSBA’ or ‘MSB Association’) and other clubs. The GSAA understands and is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities of abiding by University of Maryland policies.

ARTICLE III: Membership
Active membership shall be limited to persons officially connected with the University of Maryland, College Park as faculty, staff or registered students. Active voting membership is limited to currently registered GSAA students only. The following requirements are necessary to constitute active membership:

i. Dues are required for membership. The specific amount will be set by the board and subject to change.

"GSAA" openly admits students to its membership and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, personal appearance, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, or on the basis of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

ARTICLE IV: Officers
GSAA will be governed by the following means:

1. President will preside at all meetings of GSAA at which official club business is conducted. The President will maintain the power to appoint all committee chairpersons, present all motions to the body present, work with logistic planning for GSAA and other large-scale events and shall be present at 80% of the meetings of GSAA. President shall preside at each meeting at which official organization business is conducted.

2. GSAA shall also maintain a Vice President of Finance who will handle all dues, accounts, new members, rule observations at state meetings, protocol, etc. and who shall develop the clubs’ budgets during the appropriations process.

3. GSAA shall also maintain a Vice President of Relationships who will be responsible for organizational communications and the design and maintenance of GSAA website as well as the internet page. The Vice President of Relationships will oversee the collection of any student body data needed for GSAA strategy. In addition, the Vice President of Relationships shall be responsible for the announcement of all GSAA meetings.

4. GSAA shall also maintain a Vice President of Programming who will create and manage all Smith community events, including networking with other Smith clubs and associations. The Vice President of Programming will be responsible for creating event themes and timelines.

ARTICLE V: Operations

1. Voting Eligibility
Those members meeting all requirements of active voting membership as set forth in Article III will be granted voting privileges.

2. Election Process
Board transition – Mid Sept.:

i. Students with interest reply emails with short introductions and resumes;
ii. Interviews by board members.
iii. Board members vote to select new officers (more than 2/3 majority vote)

3. Removal
Any officer of GSAA in violation of the Organization’s purpose or constitution may be removed from office by the following process:

a. A written request by at least three members of the Organization.

b. Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to speak.
c. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote is necessary to remove the officer.

4. Meetings
All executive board meetings will occur on a weekly basis or other regular basis at a time selected by GSAA and will follow the procedure set forth below:

i. Attendance
ii. Report by the President
iii. Committee reports
iv. Vote on all committee motions and decisions
v. Any other business put forward by the members of the organization
vi. Dismissal by the President

ARTICLE VI: Finances
GSAA will finance the activities it engages in by the following means:
1. Membership dues (appropriate amount set by GSAA);
2. Business School Departmental funds (including MPO, Academic Departments, Centers, etc.);
3. GSAA will submit a budget to the MSB Association on an annual basis and request funding appropriate to the effective operations of the organization for each year; and
4. Fundraising activities and sponsorships in accordance with all University of Maryland policies.

ARTICLE VII: Amendments
The constitution is binding to all members of the GSAA. But the constitution is not binding unto itself. Changes to the constitution require the following steps:
1. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed in writing by any voting member of GSAA at any meeting at which 2/3 of the officers is present.
2. These amendments will be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the executive council or other officer grouping.
3. Proposed amendments will become effective following approval of two-thirds (2/3) - majority vote of officers.
4. Amended constitution should be released in a week.

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