Constitution
The Alexander Hamilton Society, University of Miami Law School Chapter
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Article I – Name
§1 The Alexander Hamilton Society of the University of Miami (AHS).

Article II – Purpose
§1 AHS is an independent, non-partisan, not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting constructive debate on basic American principles and contemporary issues in economic statecraft, foreign policy, and national security.

§2 AHS recognizes the vital importance of free and civil discourse, is also dedicated to the principles in a major portion of a freedom of expression statement that a University of Chicago faculty committee issued in January, 2015.

> "Because the AHS is committed to free and open inquiry in all matters, it guarantees all members of the AHS community the broadest possible latitude to speak, write, listen, challenge, and learn. Except insofar as limitations on that freedom are necessary to the functioning of the AHS, the AHS fully respects and supports the freedom of all members of the AHS community "to discuss any problem that presents itself."

Article III – Membership
§1 Only currently registered students, faculty, and staff may be active members in a registered student organization. Only active members may vote or hold office.

§2 We will not restrict membership based upon race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy (including pregnancy, childbirth, and medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth), physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship, or service in the uniformed services (including membership, application for membership, performance of service, application for service, or obligation for service in the uniformed services).

§3 Any University of Miami student shall be in active member upon:

a. Completing an application for active membership provided by the President or another officer designated by the President;
b. Having their application for active membership approved by the President or another officer designated by the President;

c. Registering as an active member of the national Alexander Hamilton Society; and. Paying any dues established, pursuant to the discretion of the President, no later than two weeks after the first meeting or event during the period of their active membership.

§4 The Executive Board reserves the right to—by majority vote—expel members from the organization should they violate University rules, organization bylaws, or other ethical guidelines.

§5 Any active member may seek and win elected office.

Article IV – Officers and Elections
§1 The Executive Board shall be composed of a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary.

President
The President shall be chief spokesperson and coordinator for all Society affairs. The President shall preside over, maintain order, and set the agenda for all meetings of the Society. The President shall attend all Inter-Club Council ("ICC") meetings or designate a representative to attend in his/her stead.

Vice-President
The Vice-President shall render assistance to the President as may be required. It shall be the Vice-President's duty to fill the vacancy when the President of the organization is absent, and preside over meetings in the President's absence.

Secretary
The Secretary shall be responsible for recording and maintaining the minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall have the preceding meeting minutes available to the membership within one (1) week after said meeting. The Secretary shall be responsible for coordinating with the UM administration on the Society's website, and communicating to the membership of the Society meeting times, and other related announcements as from time to time may be necessary, via e-mail or such other method as the Secretary deems necessary. The Secretary will also be responsible for communicating such announcement to all print and online publications of the Law School as may be deemed necessary of the Executive Board.The Secretary shall in the absence of the President and Vice-President perform the duties of the President.

Treasurer
The Treasurer shall be the chief custodian of the Society's funds.

§2 All officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote among active members. If the first ballot election does not result in a winner, the two (2) candidates receiving the most votes will advance to a second ballot run-off, in which the candidate receiving the majority of the votes shall be elected to that position.

§3 All officers shall serve terms from April 1–March 31, in accordance with University of Miami School of Law policies.

§4 The term of each office shall run from April 1 to May 31 and last for one year. If the organization does not elect officers prior to April 1, the organization will become inactive in accordance with the rules of the University of Miami School of Law.

§5 The President shall serve as the primary contact of the organization; the President and Vice President shall serve as the organizational signatories.

§6 In the event that the President is incapacitated, resigns, is removed from office, or is no longer a student at the University of Miami, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President.

§7 Any member of the executive board may be removed at any time by a two-thirds vote of all active members, provided that quorum is met. Quorum shall be defined as three-quarters of all active members present at a meeting, either in person or online.

Article V – Meetings

§1 Chapter meetings for the The Alexander Hamilton Society of the University of Miami during the first semester of the 2025-2026 academic year shall be held at least monthly when school is in session. All members of the Executive Board are required to attend these meetings and all active members are heavily encouraged to do the same.

§2 The necessity for special emergency meetings will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the members of the Executive Board.The President or Vice President shall notify all active members two days in advance if he or she deems such a meeting to be necessary.

§3 In addition to chapter meetings, separate chapter-wide meetings including, but not limited to, reading groups, speaker events, trivia nights, social events, and roundtables may be held at the time and place of the Executive Board's choosing.

§4 In addition to these meetings, there will also be regular meetings of the Executive Board, at the time and place of the Executive Board's choosing.

§5 There must be at least a majority of the Executive Board present to constitute a quorum for voting purposes.

Article VI – Constitutional Amendments

§1 This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership at any regular or special meeting.

§2 Notice of a proposed amendment shall be delivered by email to the member list no less than one week prior to the date of the vote.

Article VII – Dissolution

§1 By recommendation of the President, The Alexander Hamilton Society of the University of Miami may be dissolved if three-quarters of all active members vote for dissolution.