**ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization is Argentine Student Association. This organization will utilize the acronym ARSA in all publicity materials and correspondence.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The purpose of ARSA is to accomplish the following:

1. Promote the increased awareness of the shared culture between Argentineans and the rest of the Latin American nations.
2. Educate the Student Body on the history and cultural richness of the Argentine nation.
3. Support the regained cultural identity for Argentinean students and all interested students.
4. Inspire future Argentinean and interested leaders.
5. Unite all Latin nations behind common programming.

**ARTICLE III. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

Upon approval by the Department of Student Activities and Involvement, the Argentine Student Association shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. The Argentine Student Association shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, as well as all University of Florida regulations, policies, and procedures. Such compliance includes but is not limited to the University’s regulations related to Non-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment (including sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking), Hazing, Commercial Activity, and Student Leader Eligibility.

**ARTICLE IV. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS**

Section A. Non-Discrimination

Argentine Student Association agrees that it will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, genetic information and veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act.

Section B. Sexual Harassment

Argentine Student Association agrees that it will not engage in any activity that is unwelcome conduct of sexual nature that creates a hostile environment.

Section C. Hazing

Argentine Student Association agrees that it will not initiate, support, or encourage any events or situations that recklessly, by design, or intentionally endanger the mental or physical health or safety of a student for any purpose including but not limited to initiation or admission into or affiliation with any student group or organization.

Section D. Responsibility to Report

If this organization becomes aware of any such conduct described in this article, Argentine Student Association will report it immediately to Student Activities and Involvement, the Director of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, or the University’s Title IX Coordinator.

**ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this organization is open to enrolled students at the University of Florida. Non-enrolled students, spouses, faculty, and staff may be associate members; however, they may not vote or hold office. All members and associate members are free to leave and dissociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.

**ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS**

Section A: The elected officer of the Argentine Student Association shall be President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

Part 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committees.

Part 2: The Vice-President shall serve as an aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in her/his absence or inability to serve.

Part 3: The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Argentine Student Association; shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures; shall pay out local funds in accordance with the approved budget as authorized by the organization. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every meeting of the Argentine Student Association and at other times when requested by the President or Vice President. The Treasurer shall maintain contact with the Student Government Finance Office.

Section B: The appointed officer of Argentine Student Association shall be Secretary and Public Relations Chair.

Part 1: The Secretary and Public Relations Chair shall be appointed by the President.

Part 2: The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Argentine Student Association and shall perform other duties as may be delegated.

Part 3: The Public Relations Chair shall be responsible for the publicity and advertising of all ARSA sponsored events and shall perform other duties as may be delegated.

Section C: Officers shall assume their official duties at the close of the last general meeting of the academic year and shall serve for a term of one academic year and/or until their successors and elected/appointed.

Section D: Any officer of the Argentine Student Association may be removed from office through the following process:

Part 1: A written request by at least three voting members of the organization shall be submitted to either the President, Vice President, or Treasurer. This request shall be considered to the board, which will decide if the reasons for removal are valid. Written notification shall be send to the officer in question asking that officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to respond to the removal request.

Part 2: A majority vote of the board.

Part 3: In the event of the removal of an officer, a special provision may be granted to the remaining officers to appoint an interim replacement until an election may be held.

**ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS**

Voting will occur by secret ballot and a simple majority vote is required to elect an officer. Any member may nominate any other voting member, including himself or herself. All active members and officers and allowed to vote. The elections shall take place during the last general meeting in April. If there are more than two candidates running and no candidate receives a majority vote, there shall be a run-off vote between the top two vote recipients at that moment.

**ARTICLE VIII. FACULTY ADVISOR**

The faculty advisor shall serve as a resource person and provide advisory support for the officers and members of the organization. The faculty advisor should attend executive and general meetings; however, the faculty advisor may not vote in any ARSA matters. The faculty advisor shall be selected by the board by majority decision and shall be replaced by majority vote of the board as well. The faculty advisor will serve a term of one (1) academic year.

**ARTICLE IX. FINANCE**

The Argentine Student Association will not require membership dues; however, it will raise funds through carwashes, bakes, and similar activities, for t-shirts, travel, and other activities that might require additional funds. Members are expected to participate in these funding activities. The Argentine Student Association will also apply for Student Government funding.

**ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION**

In the event this organization dissolves, all monies left in the treasury, after outstanding debts and claims have been paid, shall be donated to “St. Francis House”.

**ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Argentine Students Association by a two thirds vote of the officers and members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment was given at the previous meeting and that the proposed amendment shall be subject to approval of the Center for Student Activities and Involvement.