CONSTITUTION

of

OUTLaw

at the University of Miami School of Law

As Amended March 22, 2007

DEFINITIONS

“Membership Roster”: The Membership roster is the roster containing the contact information regularly used by the board as the official means of communicating with all current OUTLaw student members, and no others. For example, an official email group list(s) of current members.

ARTICLE I — PURPOSE

OUTLaw seeks to advance the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (Hereinafter "LGBTQ") community at the University of Miami School of Law; to educate the law school community concerning LGBTQ politics and culture; and to provide the support necessary to attain these goals. OUTLaw sponsors social, educational, political and cultural events throughout the academic year. OUTLaw also seeks to foster and enhance the relationship with alumni of the organization and with the LGBTQ community.

ARTICLE II — STRUCTURE

1. OUTLaw shall maintain a membership roster as a requirement for membership.

2. Hereinafter, any law student on the membership roster shall be considered a member.

   a. The membership roster may not be modified upon official posted announcement of the OUTLaw elections and until the elections process has been finalized.

3. There will be four officers: one president, one vice-president, one activism chair, and one social chair, constituting the executive board.

   a. The president shall be a 2L at the time of election.

   b. The vice-president, activism chair, and social chair may be either a 1L, or 2L at the time of election.

   c. All outgoing executive board members must meet with their incoming counterparts to help train them and provide a smooth transition.

4. In the event positions become vacated, the executive board may appoint any member to fill the position in the interim by a simple majority vote.
ARTICLE III — ELECTIONS

1. Announcements of elections shall be posted around campus a minimum of seven days prior to the date of the election. Any member of OUTLaw who attends an election meeting is eligible to vote in that election; no one else is eligible to vote. Candidates may volunteer or be nominated. Where more than two candidates run for a position, there shall be a preliminary vote, with each voter casting one vote; the two candidates for the final, which shall be decided by a simple majority.

2. Elections for all positions shall be held in the spring semester at the regularly scheduled meeting immediately prior to the date set forth by the Society of Bar & Gavel in order to allow the new officers to participate in the Barrister's Ball gavel passing ceremony.

3. Elected members of the executive board shall take office immediately.

4. The act of submitting oneself as a candidate for any office is to be understood as a representation to the assembled voters that the candidate supports and intends to further the purpose described in ARTICLE I. This provision shall be read aloud at the beginning of each election.

5. A quorum of 50% of current members must be present in order to hold the election.

ARTICLE IV — AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

1. Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any regularly scheduled meeting at which a quorum of 50% of current members is in attendance.

2. Announcements that proposed amendments will be heard at the next meeting shall be posted around campus a minimum of seven days prior to the meeting during which they will be voted upon.

3. Any member may submit a proposed amendment for a vote.

4. Amendments must receive a simple majority of votes of the members present in order to be adopted.

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Adopted Amendments
February 17, 2017

AMENDMENT 1
Rename all references of “GLBT” to “LGBTQ”

AMENDMENT 2
Amending the Constitution to remove all references of “dues” from ARTICLE II (STRUCTURE) in addition to completely striking ARTICLE IV (FINANCES), and renaming ARTICLE V TO ARTICLE IV.

AMENDMENT 3
Rename the “secretary” board position throughout the document to reflect the current “activism chair” position name.

AMENDMENT 4
Rename the “treasurer” board position throughout the document to reflect the current “social chair” position name.

AMENDMENT 5
Add a new “DEFINITIONS” section to the beginning of the document

AMENDMENT 6
Add the following definition to the document:
“Membership Roster”: The Membership roster is the roster containing the contact information regularly used by the board as the official means of communicating with all current OUTLaw student members, and no others. For example, an official email group list(s) of current members.

AMENDMENT 7
Add the following to sub-item #2 of ARTICLE II:
“The membership roster may not be modified upon official posted announcement of the OUTLaw elections and until the elections process has been finalized.”

VOTING DETAILS

- TOTAL MEMBERS: 44
- PRESENT MEMBERS: 34 (77% attendance, reaching our 50% quorum requirement)
- AMENDMENT votes are as follows:
  1) 32 YES votes (PASSED at 93.1%)
  2) 28 YES votes (PASSED at 82.8%)
  3) 32 YES votes (PASSED at 93.1%)
  4) 30 YES votes (PASSED at 86.2%)
  5) 31 YES votes (PASSED at 89.7%)
  6) 32 YES votes (PASSED at 93.1%)
  7) 25 YES votes (PASSED at 72.4%)
Adopted Amendments
March 22, 2007

1) Amending ARTICLE II, SECTION 3 to read:

3. There shall be four officers: one president, one vice-president, one secretary, and one treasurer constituting the executive board.
   a) The president shall be a 2L at the time of election.
   b) The vice-president, secretary, and treasurer may be either a 1L or 2L at the time of election.
   c) All outgoing executive board members must meet with their incoming counterparts to help train them and provide a smooth transition.

2) Amending ARTICLE II, SECTION 4 to read:

4. In the event positions become vacated, the executive board may appoint any member to fill the position in the interim by a simple majority vote.

3) Amending ARTICLE III, SECTION 2 to read:

2. Elections for all positions shall be held in the spring semester at the regularly scheduled meeting immediately prior to the date set forth by the Society of Bar & Gavel in order to allow the new officers to participate in the Barrister's Ball gavel passing ceremony.

4) Amending ARTICLE IV to read:

ARTICLE IV — FINANCES

I. Yearly dues shall be assessed to all members at the beginning of the fall semester.

2. Should a law student plan to graduate in the fall semester, they shall be assessed a prorated dues amount.

3. Should a law student wish to join in the spring semester, they shall be assessed a prorated dues amount.

4. The executive board shall set the amount of dues to be paid by members.

5. The treasurer shall be charged with maintenance of all organizational finances, including the collection of dues.
5) Amending ARTICLE V to read:

ARTICLE V AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

I. Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any regularly scheduled meeting at which a quorum of 50% of current members is in attendance.

2. Announcements that proposed amendments will be heard at the next meeting shall be posted around campus a minimum of seven days prior to the meeting during which they will be voted upon.

3. Any member may submit a proposed amendment for a vote.

4. Amendments must receive a simple majority of votes of the members present in order to be adopted.

6) Amending the word "will" to read "shall" in:

A. ARTICLE II, SECTION I.
B. ARTICLE II, SECTION 2.
C. ARTICLE III, SECTION I.
D. ARTICLE III, SECTION 3.
E. ARTICLE III, SECTION 4.

VOTING DETAILS

NUMBER OF REGISTERED (DUES PAID) MEMBERS: 9
NUMBER NEEDED TO ESTABLISH QUOROM: 5
NUMBER PRESENT & VOTING: 5

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christopher Ryan Bauer, 2006-2007 Co-President
Megyn Greider, 2006-2007 Secretary
Miriam Richter, 2006-2007 Treasurer
Jason Atkinson
Tony Neuhoff

VOTES RECEIVED: Amendment 1-- 5 Votes (Passed)
Amendment 2 — 5 Votes (Passed)
Amendment 3 — 5 Votes (Passed)
Amendment 4 — 5 Votes (Passed)
Amendment 5 — 5 Votes (Passed)
Amendment 6 — 5 Votes (Passed)