CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Ophthalmology Interest Group.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Section 1. Aims

 The aims of the Ophthalmology Interest Group are to provide medical students with opportunities to learn more about the field of ophthalmology, to become involved with outreach in our neighboring communities, to apply classroom knowledge to practical situations, and to provide resources for students interested in pursuing a career in ophthalmology. The Ophthalmology Interest group will connect medical students with faculty and will serve to create a community among group members.

Section 2. Accountability

The Ophthalmology Interest Group shall operate within the policies of the School of Medicine and University as set forth in the Student Handbook and other statements of policy and procedure adopted by the School and/or University. The Assistant Dean for Career Advisement is the official liaison between the Deans' Office and all School of Medicine Specialty Interest Groups.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Membership is open to all LLUSM students, faculty, and alumni. Meetings are open to any members and their guests.

ARTICLE IV

Organization

Section 1. Qualifications for Office

Each officer must be a student of LLUSM in good standing.

Section 2. Governing Committee

- A. President: the President shall oversee and direct the general business of Ophthalmology Interest Group, represent the Ophthalmology Interest Group, and assume communication with sponsors, advisors, and the Deans' Office.
- B. Vice President: the Vice President shall assist the president the President in the general business of Ophthalmology Interest Group and shall assume the role of President in the event of the President's absence.
- C. Secretary-Treasurer: the Secretary-Treasurer shall keep minutes of all Ophthalmology Interest Group meetings, distribute minutes to other officers, maintain financial records, and oversee fundraising efforts.

Section 3. Sponsor

- A. The Ophthalmology Interest Group shall be sponsored by Ophthalmology Department.
- B. One or more Faculty Advisor(s) shall be appointed by the Department Chair and the Deans' Office.

ARTICLE V

Elections

Section 1. Procedures

The term of office shall be one academic year. Ophthalmology Interest Group elections shall be held during the first month of May. Nominations will be accepted at the election meeting, and voting will be by secret ballot of the members present. A simple majority of votes cast will determine the winner of each position. Vacant officer posts shall be filled at the discretion of the President. In special cases, with prior approval of the assistant dean for career advisement and/or the faculty advisor, voting may be done on line.

Section 2. Notification

Within two weeks after elections, the President-elect shall file an updated list of officers with the Office of the Assistant Dean for Career Advisement.

Current Officers: 2012-2013

President:	Eden Yoon
SACHS representative:	Debbie Choi
Senior Representative:	Andrew Chung
Junior representative:	Nathan Abraham