

CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name and Purpose

- Section 1. This organization shall be known as The Graduate Student Association Chapter of The Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department.
- Section 2. The purposes of this club shall be to provide services for the graduate students of The Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department.

Article II. Membership

- Section 1. Membership shall be open to all graduate students enrolled in the curriculum of The Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department.
- Section 2. Membership is automatic as part of enrollment in a graduate program in The Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering.

Article III. Officers

- Section 1. The elective offices of this club shall be
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| President | - | G.S.A. Representative |
| Vice President | - | G.S.A. Alternate Representative |
| Secretary/Treasurer | - | G.S.A. Alternate Representative |
- Section 2. Officers shall be elected by the chapter members to serve a term of one year beginning after the April meeting.

Article IV. Dues

No regulatory dues will be required.

Article V. Amending the Constitution and Bylaws

- Section 1. Amendments to the constitution or bylaws shall be presented by members of the club in writing and read at a regular meeting but shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting, and then only after informing each member of the proposed amendments. A majority of 2/3 of the members present and voting shall be required.
- Section 2. All amendments to this constitution or bylaws shall be subject to the approval of the Student Government.
- Section 3. Any article of this constitution or part thereof that is in direct violation of the Student Government Constitution or Bylaws shall be null and void and declared unconstitutional by the President of Student Government. Any differences of opinion between the club and the President of the Student Government shall be brought before the Legislature, whose decision shall be final.

Article VI.

Meetings

Section 1. Meetings shall be held in October of the Fall Semester and April of the Spring Semester and additionally as deemed necessary by the officers.

Article VII.

Committees

Section 1. The club shall make provision for any standing committees needed and/or for forming any special committees when needed.

Article VIII.

Section 1. In the event that the chapter has no standing officers the departmental head shall have the power to appoint officers until elections can be held.

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

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- a) To represent the graduate student body in the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering.
- b) To provide a forum for graduate student opinion.
- c) To voice graduate student opinion in all matters of mutual interest to graduate faculty and students.
- d) To promote professional interest and fellowship among graduate students.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be concurrent with the enrollment in the following graduate programs of the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering:

- a) Master of Science in Biological and Agricultural Engineering
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Article III. Officers and GSA Representatives

Section 1. The elected officers of this organization shall be:

- a) President
- b) Vice-President
- c) Secretary-Treasurer
- d) Social Director

Section 2. Election of Officers

Officers shall be elected by secret ballot by the members of the organization to serve a term not exceeding one year. Election shall be determined by the plurality of the votes cast.

Section 3. Date of Elections

Elections shall be held at the first BAE-GSA meeting of the fall semester of each year and no later than September 30th. Officers will be nominated by at large nominations and will be approved by a majority vote at a BAE-GSA meeting or through email voting. The terms of office shall begin the month following officer elections. Any vacancies created by the early retirement of an officer shall be filled by presidential appointment or, at the request of the organization, by a special election.

Section 4. Duties of the Officers

- a) The President shall call and preside over BAE-GSA meetings and represent BAE-GSA at University and Departmental functions.
- b) The President can nominate representatives to committees and organizations as considered appropriate and/or necessary. Such nominations will be subject to approval by a majority of BAE-GSA members present at the meeting they are announced.
- c) The Vice-President shall preside over BAE-GSA meetings at the request or absence of the President and, at the President's request, substitute for the President at University and Departmental functions.
- d) The Vice-President shall serve as the University GSA representative for the BAE chapter.
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The vice-president will serve as the primary representative to the University GSA Council. An alternate representative will also be selected. The alternate will be nominated by at large nominations and will be approved by a majority vote at a BAE-GSA meeting or through email voting. The alternate can hold a BAE-GSA office position other than president or vice-president of BAE-GSA. The University GSA representative must participate on one University GSA committee per year. The University GSA representative or alternate must attend monthly University GSA meetings in order for BAE-GSA to receive an annual rebate from the University GSA.

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