
Botany Graduate Student Association North Carolina State University CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Botany Graduate Student Association (BGSA).

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be:

- To represent Botany Graduate Students in university matters associated with the overall Student Body, CALS, and Administration.
- To provide an open forum for graduate students' opinions.
- To serve as an informational and financial bridge between the university and Botany Graduate Students in matters related to student needs.
- To voice graduate student opinions in all matters of mutual interest to faculty and students.
- To promote professional interest and fellowship among graduate students.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be concurrent with enrollment in the graduate program of the Department of Botany.

Article III. Officers

Section 1. The elective officers of organization shall be:

- President
- Vice-President and Representative to the Graduate Student Association (GSA)
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Social Director/Seminar Coordinator

Section 2. Elections shall be held during the last BGSA meeting of the spring semester and their term of office shall begin the following fall semester. 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 3. A BGSA member may be nominated for an officer's position by another BGSA member or they may choose to nominate themselves. Another member of the BGSA, excluding the person running for the office, must second each nomination.

Section 4. Officers shall be elected to serve a term not exceeding one academic year by secret ballot by members of the organization. The President holding office shall count all votes as they are received. The election shall be determined by the plurality of votes cast.

Section 5. A member currently holding an office may be nominated for the same office or a different position, but they may not hold the same office for more than two years.

Article IV. Dues

Section 1. There are no dues associated with membership in the BGSA other than those stipulated in Article IV. Section 2.

Section 2. Dues for the organization may be assessed for specific purposes, at the suggestion of the President, Vice-president, and Treasurer, if a majority of the organization members present at the meeting (upon taking a vote) deem it necessary.

Article V. Amending the Constitution and By-Laws

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws shall be presented by members of the organization in writing and shall be read at a regular meeting, but shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting, and then only after each member has been informed of the proposed amendments.

Section 2. At least one-quarter of the BGSA members must be present at any meeting where amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws will be discussed and revised.

Section 3. A "yea" vote from two-thirds of all BGSA members shall be required for approval of any amendment to the Constitution. This vote may taken via e-mail ballot if arrangements cannot be made for a full two-thirds of the BGSA members to meet during a regular meeting.

Section 4. All amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws shall be subject to the approval of the Student Government.

Section 5. Any article of this Constitution or part thereof that is in direct violation of the Student Government Constitution or By-Laws shall be null and void and declared unconstitutional by the President of the Student Government. Any differences of opinion between the organization and the President of the Student Government shall be brought before the Legislature.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1. The organization shall meet as determined by its membership each semester.

Section 2. It is suggested that the BGSA meet at least once each month during the academic semester.

Article VII. Committees

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

Article VIII. By-Laws

Section 1. The President shall preside at meetings of the organization and shall be the graduate student representative at all Botany Faculty Meetings. The President shall report all pertinent information from Faculty Meetings back to the botany graduate students.

Section 2. The Vice-president/Representative to the Graduate Student Association must attend every GSA meeting and report back to the botany graduate students during the

following BGSA meeting. The representative is responsible for providing alternate representation from the BGSA when they themselves cannot attend.

Section 3. The Secretary is responsible for broadcasting advance notification of all meetings of this organization, for keeping all minutes at BGSA meetings, for publishing any literature/newsletters related to the BGSA, and for keeping track of the botany student copy card.

Section 4. The Treasurer is responsible for keeping all bank account records, handling reimbursements and PA's, for overseeing fundraisers, and for collecting and keeping track of computer fees.

Section 5. The Social Director is the chairperson of the committee whose duties include arranging social events for the BGSA and working with the Faculty Social/Graduate Committee to introduce prospective graduate students to the department. The Social Director also oversees the preparation and set-up of refreshments for botany seminars. It is the responsibility of new graduate students and those students who have not yet participated to purchase and set-up refreshments for seminars.

Section 6. The first responsibility of new officers (with the guidance of the old officers):

- To make sure that new graduate students are made familiar with Botany department operations
- To update all BGSA paper work including the Constitution and Bank accounts
- To arrange the first BGSA meeting where the next semester's goals will be discussed.

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The current officers are:

President	Richard Winder
Vice-President	David Anderson
Secretary-Treasurer	Lynne Dengler
Social Chairman	Patrick Howle

If you have any questions concerning BGSA please feel free to contact one of these people.



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September 17, 1986

Richard Winder, President
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Dear Mr. Winder:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. S. Bryan, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Robert S. Bryan, Jr.
Assistant Director
Student Development

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cc: President, Student Government
Michelle Hall, Reservation &
Catering, Student Center

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Dear Julie:

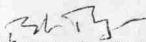
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