# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# COLLEGIATE FFA CHAPTER AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

#### Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be Collegiate FFA Chapter at North Carolina State University, a chapter of the North Carolina FFA Association. This organization may officially use the name "Collegiate FFA."

# Article II. Purposes

The purposes of this organization shall be to:

- Provide opportunities for further development of abilities needed by students interested in the advancement of agriculture.
- 2. Develop competent and assertive agricultural leaders.
- 3. Create an interest in agricultural occupations and professions.
- 4. Provide service to the North Carolina FFA Association.
- 5. Provide social and service activities for chapter members.

# Article III. Membership

# SECTION A

Membership in this organization shall be of two kinds: Active and Honorary.

# SECTION B - Active Membership

- 1. To be eligible for active membership, a student must be enrolled as a student at North Carolina State University and have an interest in the advancement of agriculture.
- 2. Collegiate FFA Chapter members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. Collegiate FFA Chapter members shall be considered in good standing when they:
  - a. Show an interest and take part in the affairs of the chapter.
  - b. Have paid chapter dues.
  - c. Attend collegiate meetings regularly.

# SECTION C - Honorary Membership

Parents, faculty, staff, business people or others who are helping advance agricultural education and the FFA and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.

### Article IV. Emblem

The official emblem of the Collegiate FFA chapter at North Carolina State University shall be The National Collegiate FFA Emblem.

## Article V. Officers

### SECTION A

The elected officers of North Carolina State University Collegiate FFA shall be:

- 1. President
- 2. Vice President of Finance
- 3. Vice President of Membership
- 4. Vice President of Programs (2)
- 5. Vice President of Special Events
- 6. Agri-Life Council Representatives (2)

# SECTION B

The State Agricultural Education Coordinator and State FFA Coordinator at North Carolina State University shall serve as co-advisors for the Collegiate FFA at North Carolina State University unless otherwise voted on by the elected officers.

## SECTION C

The term of office shall be from the annual spring banquet to the following spring banquet.

- 1. Nominations for offices shall be provided by the membership.
- Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot and counted by the Advisor and retiring President. In the case that the President is not retiring, the Executive Committee shall appoint a person to count the ballots.
- 3. Newly elected officers shall be announced and installed at the spring banquet.

### SECTION D

The qualifications for elected offices are as follows:

- 1. President Any student in good academic standing and who has served on the Leadership Team for at least one year. The president's responsibilities include presiding over meetings, delegate business of the chapter and appoint members to committees.
- 2. Vice President of Finance Any student in good academic standing and who has been an active member for one year. The responsibilities of this office shall be to prepare a budget for the organization, present a treasury report at all meetings, collect membership dues. This officer shall serve at the Treasurer's Station.

- 3. Vice President of Membership Any student in good academic standing and who has been an active member for one year. The responsibilities of this office shall be to take accurate minutes of all meetings, maintain an accurate list of members of the organization, and maintain all e-mail, listserv, and phone lists of members. This officer shall serve at the Secretary's Station.
- 4. Vice President of Programs Any student in good academic standing and who has been an active member for one year. The responsibility of this office is to coordinate monthly meetings and programs. This officer shall serve at the Vice President's Station.
- 5. Vice President of Special Events Any student in good academic standing and who has been an active member for one year. The responsibilities of this office include planning and coordinating social events and other activities of the organization outside regularly scheduled monthly meetings. This officer shall serve at the Sentinel's Station.
- 6. Agri-Life Council Representatives Any student in good academic standing and has been an active member for one semester. The responsibility of the office is to represent Collegiate FFA at all Agri-Life Council meetings and events and to report all information at regularly scheduled monthly meetings. This officer shall serve at the Reporter's Station.

## SECTION E

All active members are eligible to be officers of the Collegiate FFA chapter. Honorary members shall not hold any office other than that of chapter advisor.

## SECTION F

The Executive Committee of the Collegiate FFA Chapter shall have power to appoint a qualified person to any office which becomes vacant.

# ARTICLE VI. Meetings

### SECTION A

Regular meetings of the Collegiate FFA Chapter shall be held monthly throughout the academic year. The President shall call special meetings at any time with the approval of the executive committee.

# SECTION B

Forty percent of the members of the organization shall constitute a quorum.

#### **ARTICLE VII. Executive Committee**

#### SECTION A

The elected officers, advisors, and the chairs of each standing committee shall compose the Executive Committee.

#### SECTION B

The Executive Committee shall have full power and authority over the affairs of the organization.

#### ARTICLE VIII. Committees

#### SECTION A

A Social Committee shall be appointed by the President promptly after the first meeting of the academic year. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a schedule of social, recreational, leadership and membership recruitment and retention activities for the year. It shall be the role of the Vice President of Membership and Vice President of Special Events to serve as ex-officio members.

#### SECTION B

A Service Committee shall be appointed by the President promptly after the first meeting of the academic year. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a schedule of community service activities or projects for the year. It shall be the role of the Vice President of Programs to serve as an ex-officio member.

### SECTION C

A Finance Committee composed of the Vice President of Finance and selected other members shall be appointed by the President promptly after the first meeting of the academic year. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare a budget for the fiscal year and to submit it to the organization at its regular meeting in October. The Committee will also develop a list of proposed fund raising activities to be conducted throughout the year.

#### SECTION D

Such other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the President as the organization or the Executive Committee deems necessary to carry out the work of the organization.

# ARTICLE IX. Acceptance

#### SECTION A

The Collegiate FFA Chapter at North Carolina State University accepts in full the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the North Carolina FFA Association as revised and amended, and the Constitution and Bylaws of the National FFA Organization as revised and amended including its statement of purpose and its provisions for membership.

## SECTION B

The Collegiate FFA Chapter accepts in full the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the North Carolina State University Registered Student Organizations.

#### ARTICLE X. Amendments

Proposed amendments to this constitution may be submitted by any active member. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the local advisor(s). Chapter Officers shall present their recommendations concerning each amendment to active members at a regular meeting. An amendment to the constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of active members. Amendments to the Constitution must not conflict with the North Carolina FFA Association and National FFA Organization Constitutions.

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- 2. Develop competent and assertive agricultural leaders.
- 3. Create an interest in agricultural occupations and professions.
- 4 Provide service to the North Carolina FFA Association.
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## Article III Membership

- SECTION A. Membership in this organization shall be of two kinds, Active and Honorary.
- SECTION B. Active Membership To be eligible for active membership a student must be enrolled as a full-time student at North Carolina State University and have an interest in the advancement of agriculture.

Collegiate FFA Chapter members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. Collegiate FFA Chapter members shall be considered in good standing when they:

- 1. Show an interest and take part in the affairs of the chapter.
- 2. Have paid chapter dues.
- 3. Attend collegiate meeting regularly.
  - Regular attendance is defined as not missing more than three (3) consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse.
  - b. Attending two (2) consecutive chapter functions will reinstate a member to good standing.
- SECTION C. Honorary membership Parents, faculty, staff, business people or others who are helping
  Advance agricultural education and the FFA and who have
  rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary
  membership by a majority vote of members present at any
  regular meeting.

#### Article IV Emblem

SECTION A. The official emblem of the North Carolina State Collegiate FFA chapter shall include five symbols, namely: the plow, representing labor and tillage of the soil; the owl, representing wisdom; the rising sun, representing progress; a cross-section of an ear of corn, representing common agricultural interests and an American eagle surmounting the cross-section of the ear of corn, representing the national scope of the organization. The emblem shall also include the letters "FFA," and the words "Agricultural Education."

# Article V \*\* Officers

- SECTION A. The elected officers of North Carolina State Collegiate FFA chapter shall be a President, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Programs, Vice President of Special Events, Secretary/Treasurer, Graduate Student Representative, and Agri-Life Council Representatives.
- SECTION B. The State Agricultural Education Coordinator and State FFA Coordinator at North Carolina
  State University shall serve as co-advisors for the North Carolina State Collegiate FFA
  chapter.
- SECTION C. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed in the Official Manual and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization.
- SECTION D. The term of office shall be from June 1 through May 31 or until their successors are elected.
  - 1. Officer elections shall be held during the spring banquet of the organization.
  - 2. Nominating committee shall consist of senior members of the executive committee.
  - Nominating committee shall prepare a slate of officers to voted on by the membership.
- SECTION E. All active members are eligible to be officers of the North Carolina State Collegiate FFA
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- SECTION F. The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Collegiate FFA Chapter shall have power to appoint a qualified member to fill any office which becomes vacant.

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- SECTION A. Regular meetings of the North Carolina State Collegiate FFA Chapter shall be held once a month throughout the academic year. The President shall call special meetings at any time with the approval of the executive committee.
- SECTION B. Ten members of the organization shall constitute a quorum.

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We have reviewed your organization's constitution and officers list and everything seems to be in proper order. You are now a registered student organization at North Carolina State University entitled to all privileges accorded by that status.

Understand that this registration in no way gives the University or Student Government responsibility for any financial liability that may be incurred by your group. Your status does, however, give you the opportunity to approach the Student Senate with a request for funds and gives you certain on-campus solicitation privileges. Additionally, this status enables you to link your student organization's homepage to the University's Web, and to access the services provided by the Student Organization Resource Center.

Please be aware that we ask each student organization to update its file whenever there is a change of officers and at the beginning of each school year. Failure to do so will result in a loss of registration.

We look forward to working with you. Good luck with your new group.

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