

CONSTITUTION AND BY – LAWS
OF FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

AT
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of this organization shall be to improve the educational and social experiences of the graduate students in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be Forestry and Environmental Resources (FER) Graduate Student Association hereafter referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE II

The objectives of the Association shall be:

- (1) To represent the graduate students of this department in any and all matters which may affect the welfare of the students;
- (2) To disseminate information of interest or importance to the students;
- (3) To provide a forum for discussion of problems and other matters of importance to the students in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources; and
- (4) To provide members with opportunities to organize seminars, symposia, meetings, field trips, and other functions concerned with the common interests of the Association's members.

ARTICLE III

Association functions shall be open to any individual who might profess an interest in FER activities at NCSU. Voting rights shall be extended to all NCSU graduate students in FER.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The elective officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a University Graduate Student Representative. In addition, a Faculty Committee Representative and a Graduate Student Committee Representative can be elected to represent graduate student concerns within the Department.

Section 2. The executive board shall consist of all the officers.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. Officers shall be elected during a scheduled meeting in December of every year. Officers shall be elected for the period of one calendar year.

Section 2. If any elective position becomes vacant, the voting membership shall choose a member to fill the vacancy for the unexpired part of the term of office within one month after the position has become vacant.

Section 3. In case the President resigns the Vice President shall automatically assume the President's position until the vacancy is filled according to Section 2.

Section 4. A member must be present or provide an absentee vote at the time a vote is taken on any issue in order to be eligible to cast his/her vote.

Section 5. Nominations for officers will be made during a scheduled meeting in December. A voice vote or secret ballot will be used at the discretion of the outgoing President with approval from the membership.

ARTICLE VI

The faculty advisor will be the Director of Graduate Programs.

ARTICLE VII

The annual meeting of the Association shall be a scheduled meeting in December. At this time an annual report shall be read, the officers positions shall be filled and following the meeting the newly elected officers and faculty advisor shall assume their duties.

ARTICLE VIII

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any meeting. Notice of the desire to amend must be given at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting. All amendments shall be submitted in writing to the President. The President must bring an amendment up for a vote within 30 days after he receives it.

ARTICLE IX

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 Student Government. Any differences of opinion between the Association and the President of the Student Government shall be brought before the Legislature, whose decision shall be final.