

# GCSAA STUDENT CHAPTER

## CONSTITUTION

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### Article I

The name of this organization shall be "The GCSAA Student Chapter at NC State University," hereafter referred to as, "THE GCSAA" in the Constitution and By-Laws.

### Article II *Purposes*

Section 1. The GCSAA shall be to promote and stimulate advancement and leadership in campus activities; to provide education and recreation; and to promote stronger college and university spirit.

Section 2. The GCSAA shall act as a liaison between the students and the national organization.

### Article III *Membership*

Section 1. Any student attending North Carolina State University may attend any Club meeting.

### Article IV *Officers*

Section 1. Officers of this organization shall be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and Ag-Life Council Representative. The term of the office shall be one academic year. Officers shall be elected at the end of the academic school year and shall take office at the beginning of the following academic school year. No officer may succeed himself/herself in the same office. In order to serve as an officer, a student must have a grade point average of 2.0 or better.

Section 2. If any elected officer is unable to serve or voted by The GCSAA, with a two-thirds vote, to be inadequately fulfilling his/her duties as an officer, the GCSAA shall elect a new office to replace him/her, unless the vacated office is that of president. If the office of the president is vacated, the vice-president shall assume that office and a new vice-president shall be elected.

Section 3. The duties of the officers shall be prescribed in the By-Laws of the GCSAA.

#### Article V Advisers

Section 1. Faculty advisory committee: The faculty advisory committee shall consist of one faculty member who shall each hold office for a two-year term. One new member shall be elected at the end of each academic school year.

Section 2. The faculty advisor shall be a member of the faculty of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Section 3. The single member of the faculty advisory committee shall come from the crop science department.

Section 4. The faculty advisory committee shall advise the GCSAA in all matters pertaining to the GCSAA.

#### Article VI Finances

Section 1. Every member in the GCSAA shall pay to the treasurer a fee. The fee shall be handled by the treasurer and expended only on a warrant issued by the President as based on the GCSAA's budget.

Section 2. The GCSAA shall determine its budget at the second meeting of each semester, during each academic school year. Any funds left at the end of the year shall be retained as a reserve.

#### Article VII

### ***Activities***

The GCSAA shall sponsor such social and informative activities as it deems necessary and as provided for in the By-Laws.

### ***Article VIII*** ***Voting Procedures***

Section 1. Each club member represented on the GCSAA shall have one vote on issues pertaining to the GCSAA.

Section 2. Only delegates present at the time of voting may cast a ballot.

Section 4. Voting is open to member clubs only.

Section 3. Voting shall be by hand or by secret ballot if requested.

Section 6. Officers of the GCSAA shall have one vote each on all business except election of officers.

Section 7. In the event of a tie, the GCSAA president shall break the tie.

Section 8. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the active membership of the Council.

### ***Article IX*** ***By-Laws***

Section 1. The GCSAA shall establish a set of By-Laws to include operational and procedural matters. The By-Laws shall not be in conflict with this Constitution.

Section 2. By-Laws may be adopted, amended, or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the GCSAA.

### ***Article X*** ***Amendments***

This constitution may be amended by three-quarters vote of the GCSAA, the vote coming not less than two weeks after the amendment was proposed.

**Article XI**  
***Meetings***

**Section 1.** Regular meetings shall be held during the academic school year on the first and third Monday nights of every month at 7:00 p.m. or such other time as designated by the president. The meeting place shall be that designated by the president.

**Section 2.** A quorum shall be two-thirds of the total membership of the GCSAA. A quorum must be present to conduct official business.

**Article XII**  
***Attendance***

**Section 1.** An undergraduate club will be considered active if both of the following criteria are met:

1. A letter is received by the GCSAA president prior to or at the second regular meeting of each semester, stating that it intends to be an active member that semester. This letter must be signed by the club president and adviser.

2. A member may miss no more than two meetings during a semester.

Failure to meet both criteria renders a member inactive for that semester and the member forfeits its voting privileges in GCSAA matters.

**Section 2.** After the first absence, the vice-president of the GCSAA will contact the member and adviser and will explain the consequences of future absences.

**BY-LAWS**

**Article I**  
***Duties of the Officers***

**Section 1.** The president shall preside at all meetings of the GCSAA. He/she shall name all committees for which no provision has otherwise been made. He/she shall perform such other duties as the Constitution and By-Laws prescribe to those imposed on his/her office by parliamentary practice.

Section 2. The vice-president shall perform the president's duties during the president's absence. He/she shall be coordinator of all GCSAA activities.

Section 3. The secretary shall: (1) make and keep official records of the GCSAA; (2) keep an accurate record of attendance at GCSAA meetings; and (3) handle GCSAA correspondence.

Section 4. The treasurer shall: (1) disburse all funds approved by the GCSAA, (2) audit records of all enterprises for which fees are expended; (3) make a written report each semester of all expenditure through GCSAA activities.

Section 5. The reporter shall see that all information pertaining to the GCSAA that should be published is placed in the proper publication channels. He/she shall also be responsible for posting GCSAA meeting notices.

## Article II *Publications*

Section 1. The Council shall co-sponsor with the Office of Academic Affairs a student publication, namely College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Activity Bulletin. This shall be an annual publication composed of club names, officers, advisers, meeting dates and times, goals and purposes, activities, and how to join. This publication shall also include honor organizations within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. It shall be compiled no later than two weeks before the spring semester ends and distributed in ALS 103 or freshmen orientation as well as through the Office of Academic Affairs.

Section 2. The Editor-Upon application to the Council, a qualified student in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences may be selected by the Council to serve as editor of the activity bulletin. The editor will be compensated at the rate of \$100 upon completion of the activity bulletin. He/she will be a non-voting member of the Council. At the discretion of the editor, the Council may approve an assistant editor.

Section 3. Duties of the editor--The editor shall compile and edit an annual edition of the activities bulletin in accordance with Section 1 of Article II of

the By-Laws. He/she will present at least three estimates to the Council on publication cost. The above material shall be presented to the Council within three weeks of his/her appointment.

Section 4. Duties of the assistant editor--The assistant editor will assist the editor in compiling and editing the publication and will be compensated at the rate of \$50 upon completion.

**Article IV**  
***Functions of the GCSAA***

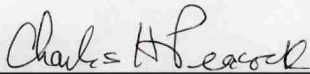
The GCSAA shall sponsor at least one major social function and at least one major informative program during the school year. The GCSAA may sponsor any other activities which it deems necessary.



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**Club/Organization President**

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