

**Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences**

Constitution

Article I Name and Purpose

Section 1 This organization shall be known as Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS).

Section 2 The purposes of this organization will be

- A. To foster inclusion and advancement of members of ethnic/cultural groups under-represented in agricultural and natural resource sciences and related fields.
- B. To provide information about opportunities available in agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences on the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- C. To acquaint students with professionals who may aid in building networks and choosing a future career.

Article II Membership

Section 1 Membership shall be open to undergraduate and graduate students interested in agriculture, natural resources, or any other related sciences.

Section 2 Means of Selection of Members. Members shall be selected on the basis of interest in the activities of the organization. Grade point average shall not be a criterion for membership.

Article III Officers

Section 1 The elective officers of the organization shall be:

- A. President, who will preside over all meetings.

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#### Article III Officers (continued)

- B. President-Elect, who will preside during the absence of the President, perform any duties and responsibilities designated by the President, and will automatically assume the office of President the succeeding year.
- C. Secretary, who will keep all records of organizational affairs.
- D. Treasurer, who will keep records of all organizational monetary affairs.
- E. Special Committees, to be organized as needed.

#### Section 2

The officers shall be elected by the members of the organization to serve a term of one year, with the exception of the President-Elect, who will automatically become President the succeeding year. All other officers will be elected at the beginning of the fall semester.

The officers are to be selected by means of nomination. Nominations shall be made by a nominating committee, and nominations can also be made from the floor.

Officers will be elected by simple majority vote.

#### Article IV Dues

##### Section 1

Dues shall be the fee set by the MANRRS National Headquarters for each student to become a national member.

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Constitution

- Article V     Amending the Constitution and By-Laws
- Section 1         Amendments to the constitution or by-laws 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 by-laws 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 by-laws shall be null and void and declared unconstitutional by the President of the 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         The organization shall meet at least once a month, excluding months in which there are extended breaks.
- Article VII    Committees
- Section 1         Special Committees shall be appointed by the President as needed.

THE CONSTITUTION

OF

MINORITIES IN AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES AND  
RELATED SCIENCES  
(MANRRS)

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

THE CONSTITUTION OF MINORITIES IN AGRICULTURE, NATURAL  
RESOURCES AND RELATED SCIENCES  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the organization shall be Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences—North Carolina State University; henceforth will be addressed as MANRRS-NCSU.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be:

to provide academic support,  
to promote a professional network for career awareness and development,  
to provide social support and fellowship for minorities in agriculture, natural  
resources and related sciences, and  
to help attract and retain minority students, staff and faculty.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Membership shall consist of active, associate, honorary members and professional members.

Section 2. Registered undergraduate and graduate students in NCSU who have paid dues and are actively participating in organizational activities will be admitted as active members.

Section 3. Associate membership shall consist of individuals who have previously held active membership; who are faculty, staff, or alumni of NCSU; and all others interested in furthering the purpose of the organization.

Section 4. Honorary membership shall include alumni or others who have made outstanding contributions in their fields, who have contributed to the advancement of underrepresented groups, or who have fulfilled the purposes of MANRRS-NCSU.

Section 5. Professional membership is available to university, government or business individuals through the National Society; professional members may be affiliated with MANRRS-NCSU.

Section 6. Only active members may vote, hold office, preside, and officiate on behalf of this organization.

Section 7. A person may be expelled from this organization for any case of dishonesty, misrepresentation or obstruction of the progress or purpose of MANRRS-NCSU. A quorum (see Bylaws, Section 1) is needed for voting on expulsion. Expulsion shall be by majority vote (see Bylaws, Section 2) of active members at any meeting. The vote shall be done by secret ballot.

Section 8. Membership and participation shall be free from discrimination based on race, religion, ethnic group, national origin, handicap, gender or sexual orientation.

#### ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1. The officers of the organization shall include a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. All active members are eligible for office in the organization.

Section 3. No member shall hold more than one office at a time and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive full terms in the same office.

Section 4. The term of office for regularly elected officers shall be one year. The term for any officer elected between regular elections shall end at the next regular election. The term of office begins at the last regular meeting of the current academic year.

Section 5. The Director of Diversity Programs for the College of Natural Resources shall serve as one of the organization's advisors. Other advisors may be selected from among any currently employed full-time member of the University's faculty, staff, or adjunct personnel chosen by the organization's membership under the rules for election of officers.

#### ARTICLE V Officer Duties

Section 1. The President shall preside over meetings, serve as an ex-officio member of committees, represent the organization when necessary and appoint committees with the approval of the Executive Board see Section 6. The President shall conduct chapter business using Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 2. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President when the President is unable to preside and serve as the organization's program chair.

Section 3. The Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence, for recording and maintaining reports and minutes of the organization and for mailing notices of meetings.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall keep accounts, deposit the organization's funds and make expenditures in a manner approved by the MANRRS-NCSU Chapter. At each meeting the treasurer shall report any financial transactions that have been executed since the meeting. The Treasurer shall submit records to the CNR Student Council required of College organizations.

Section 5. The current elected officers shall constitute the Executive Board of the organization.

Section 6. The advisors shall act in an advisory capacity to the officers and the MANRRS-NCSU chapter and as liaisons with the National Society of MANRRS.

Section 7. The officers of MANRRS-NCSU will perform the duties described by this constitution and by the parliamentary reference, Robert's Rules of Order.

#### ARTICLE VI Amendment Process

Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any meeting of MANRRS-NCSU providing the proposed amendment has been discussed in detail at a prior meeting. During the meeting at which members vote on an amendment to the constitution, that amendment shall be verbally reviewed prior to voting.

Section 2. The quorum needed for voting on amendments to this constitution shall be that specified in the Bylaws, Section 1.

Section 3. The majority needed to approve amendments to this constitution shall be that specified in the Bylaws, Section 2.

Section 4. All amendments to the constitution and bylaws are subject to the review of the chapter advisors and the Advisor to the College of Natural Resources' (CNR) Student Council.

#### ARTICLE VII Parliamentary Reference

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order will be the authority for reference in parliamentary matters.

#### MANRRS-NCSU BYLAWS

Section 1. For all elections and conduct of business, a quorum shall consist of thirty-three (33) percent of the active members.

Section 2. For all elections and conduct of business, a majority shall consist of fifty (50) percent plus one (1) of those voting.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall appoint committee chairpersons. Other committee members may be appointed by the Executive Board, or may be volunteers.

Section 4. Election Procedures:

- a. Officers shall be elected annually. At the first meeting after the National MANRRS Conference, officer nominations will be open and at the second meeting following the National Conference, officers will be elected.
- b. Nominations shall be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.
- c. Voting will be conducted by secret ballot.

Section 5. In the event of a vacancy in an elected office, the Executive Board may call a special election at any regular meeting to fill the vacated position.

- a. In the case of special elections, a quorum is needed to conduct nominations and voting as specified in the Bylaws, Section 1.
- b. The majority needed to conduct special elections shall be that specified in the Bylaws, Section 2.

Section 6. Dues may be set by a majority vote of the active members at the beginning of each academic semester.

- a. Suggestions for amounts of dues shall be made from the floor.
- b. The quorum needed to set dues shall be that specified in the Bylaws, Section 1.
- c. The majority needed to set dues shall be that specified in the Bylaws, Section 2.

Section 7. Regular meetings of the organization shall be held twice a month during the fall and spring semester with a minimum of four (4) regular meetings scheduled each semester. The schedule of meetings shall be determined by a majority vote of the active members at the beginning of each academic semester.

Section 8. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of MANRRS-NCSU, providing the proposed amendment has been discussed in detail at a meeting prior to voting. All correspondence regarding amending the bylaws are to be sent or delivered to the Secretary prior to a scheduled meeting.

- a. The quorum needed for voting on amendments to these bylaws shall be that specified in the Bylaws, Section 1.
- b. The majority needed to approve amendments to this constitution shall be that specified in the Bylaws, Section 2.



- c. All amendments to the Bylaws are subject to approval of the MANRRS-NCSU Advisors and the Advisor to the CNR Student Council..

Section 9. The constitution and bylaws shall be reviewed each fall semester, voted on as specified in the Bylaws, Section 1 and 2, and filed with the National MANRRS Membership Chair prior to December 31.

\*Revisions adopted at the March 7, 2001 regular meeting of MANRRS-NCSU.

# **THE CONSTITUTION OF MINORITIES IN AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND RELATED SCIENCES**

## **Article I**

### **Name**

The name of this organization shall be Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences - NCSU

## **Article II**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- a) to provide academic support,
- b) to promote a professional network and career awareness and development,
- c) and to provide social support and fellowship for minorities in agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences; and,
- d) to help attract and retain minority students and faculty.

## **Article III**

### **Membership**

*Section 1.* Membership shall consist of active, associate, and honorary members.

*Section 2.* Registered undergraduate and graduate students at NCSU who have paid dues assessed by the organization will be admitted as active members.

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*Section 5.* Only active members may vote, hold office, preside, officiate, or solicit funds on behalf of this organization.

*Section 6.* A person may be expelled from this organization for any case of dishonesty, misrepresentation or obstruction of the progress or purpose of Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences - NCSU. A quorum (see Bylaws, *Section 1*) is needed for voting on expulsion. Expulsion shall be by majority vote (see Bylaws, *Section 2*) of acting members at any meeting. The vote shall be done by secret ballot.

*Section 7.* Membership and participation shall be free from discrimination based on race, religion, ethnic group, national origin, handicap, or sex.

**Article IV  
Officers**

*Section 1.* The officers of the organization shall include a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

*Section 2.* All active members are eligible for office in the organization.

*Section 3.* No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

*Section 4.* The term of office for regularly elected officers shall be one year. The term for any officer elected between regular elections shall end at the next regular election. Term of office begins at the end of the meeting at which an officer is elected.

*Section 5.* Any currently employed full-time member of the University's faculty or staff chosen by the organization's membership under the rules for election of officers shall be the Advisor for Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences - NCSU.

**Article V  
Officers and Duties**

*Section 1.* The President shall preside over meetings, serve as an ex-officio member of the committees, represent the organization when necessary, and appoint committees with the approval of the Executive Board.

*Section 2.* The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President when the President is unable to preside.

*Section 3.* The Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence, for recording and maintaining reports and minutes of the organization, and for mailing notices of meetings.

*Section 4.* The Treasurer shall keep accounts, deposit the organization's funds, and make expenditures in manner approved by the office of the fiscal director of student finance. At each meeting the treasurer shall report and financial transactions that have been executed since the last meeting.

*Section 5.* The current elected officers shall constitute the Executive Board of the organization.

**Article VI  
Amendments**

*Section 1.* This constitution may be amended at any meeting of Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences - NCSU, providing the proposed amendment has been discussed in detail at a prior meeting. During the meeting at which members vote on an amendment to the constitution, that amendment shall be verbally reviewed prior to voting.

*Section 2.* The quorum needed for voting on amendments to this constitution shall be that specified in the Bylaws, *Section 1.*

**Section 3.** The majority needed to approve amendments to this constitution shall be that specified in the Bylaws, *Section 2*.

### **Bylaws**

**Section 1.** For all elections and conduct of business, a quorum shall consist of thirty-three (33) percent of active members.

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**Section 3.** The Executive Board shall appoint committee chairmen. Other committee members may be appointed by the Executive Board, or by volunteers.

**Section 4.** Election Procedures:

- a) Officers shall be elected annually at the first business meeting after April 1.
- b) Nominations shall be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.
- c) Voting will be conducted by secret ballot.
- d) The quorum needed to conduct nominations and elections shall be that specified in the Bylaws, *Section 1*.
- e) The majority needed to conduct nominations and elections shall be that specified in the bylaws, *Section 2*.

**Section 5.** In the event of a vacancy in an elected office, the Executive Board may call a special election at any regular meeting to fill the vacated position.

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**Section 7.** The officers of Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences - NCSU shall perform the duties prescribed by this constitution and by the parliamentary authority, Robert's Rules of Order.

**Section 8.** Regular meetings of the organization shall be held monthly during the fall and spring semesters with a minimum of (4) regular meetings scheduled each semester. The schedule of meetings shall be determined by a majority vote of the active members at the beginning of each academic semester.

**Section 9.** These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences - NCSU providing the proposed amendment has been discussed in detail at a prior meeting. During the meeting at which members vote on an amendment to the constitution, that amendment shall be verbally reviewed prior to voting.

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December 19, 1995

Carlotta M. Mattison  
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Dear Ms. Mattison:

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 entailed in that status.

Understand that this registration in no way gives the University or Student Government responsibility for any financial liability which 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 it gives you certain on-campus solicitation privileges.

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.

If the Department of Student Development can be of assistance to your group, please do not hesitate to call on us. Good luck with your new group.

Sincerely,

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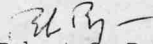
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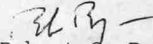
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