### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

### OF STATISTICS AND BIOMATH

### GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

### AT

# NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

### CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I

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Section 1. The elective officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President of Statistics, a Vice president of Biomathematics, a Secretary/Treasurer, a Student Seminar Committee, Computer Committee Representative, and an International Student Committee Chairperson. A minimum of two of these positions must be filled.

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

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

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Section 3. In case the President resigns one of the Vice presidents (determined by a single toss of a fair coin) shall automatically assume the President's position until the vacancy is filled according to Section 2.

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The faculty advisor will be the Graduate Administrator of the Department of Statistics.

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This constitution may be amended by a two thirds vote at any meeting attended by at least 25% of the voting membership. Notice of the desire to amend must be give 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.

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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.

### **BY-LAWS**

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Section 1. Regular meetings of the Association shall be held during the Fall and Spring semesters, and the option of the Executive Board during the Summer term. The President shall determine the time of the meetings and shall have the right to cancel any meeting.

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### ARTICLE III

Section 1. All officers shall be currently enrolled students at North Carolina State University.

Section 2. Duties of the officers

### President

- Organize and conduct the association.
- Hold a minimum of 2 (early Fall and late Spring) general meetings for all Biomathematics/Statistics graduate students.
- Periodically meet with graduate administrator to discuss problems and solutions to matters brought forth by graduate students.
- Meet with new graduate students to inform them about GSA and its role.
- Work with the GSA representatives to update and organize the GSA bulletin board.
- Check that the other officers meet their responsibilities.
- Organize the graduate students to rent a beach house for the Departmental Beach Trip in late September.

### Vice President - Biomathematics

### Vice President - Statistics

- Meet with prospective graduate students and show them around the department.
- Show new graduate students how to use the photocopy machine.
- Organize the Departmental Spring picnic held in mid April.
- Organize an End of Fall Semester Party for all Biomathematics/Statistics graduate students if funds are available (from PAMS) council.
- Be the Statistics/Biomathematics Department GSA Representative whose duties include:
- Register the BIOST GSA as a campus organization with Student Development in early Fall.
- File for GSA rebate checks at the beginning of each semester.

- Main GSA Rep should make sure that the BIOST GSA is represented at each monthly NCSU GSA meeting and at each PAMS Council Meeting.
- Seek funding for the BIOST GSA from the PAMS Council.
- Serve on additional NCSU GSA committees.
- Inform graduate students about NCSU GSA news.
- Work with president to update and organize the GSA bulletin board.

### Treasurer/Secretary

- Deposit and withdraw funds from the BIOST GSA savings account.
- Write budget summary at end of each semester.
- Keep track of receipts of items purchased with GSA finds and balance the GSA savings account.
- Take minutes at all BIOST GSA meetings and send to all graduate students via e-mail.

#### **Faculty Seminar Committee Representative**

- Set up a time to meet with incoming seminar speakers.
- Inform other graduate students of the time and place of the meeting (usually lasts about 30 minutes).

#### **Student Seminar Committee**

- Solicit student seminar candidates from the Biomathematics and Statistics departments.
- Purchase refreshments with GSA money.

### **Computing Committee Member**

 Meet with the Faculty Computing Committee and make the needs of the graduate students known.

### International Student Committee Chair

- Sit as chair of the International Student Committee. The Chair shall recruit and solicit members to sit on the committee.
- The committee shall be responsible for the following:
  - Organize at least one event per year to promote and celebrate the international diversity of the Statistics and Biomathematics Departments.
  - Provide a resource for international students to state their concerns and ask for assistance in their transition to NCSU and the American culture.

Section 3. Additional duties as they arise may be delegated to the officers by the membership.

### ARTICLE IV

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## ARTICLE VII

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December 17, 1986

Dominique Latour, President Statistics and Biomath, GSA Dept. of Statistics Rox 8203 NCSU Campus

Dear Ms. Latour:

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

Understand that this recognition 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 also 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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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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November 7, 1985

Dominique Latour Statistics and Biomathematics Graduate Student Association Box 8203 NCSU Campus

### Dear Dominique:

Upon reviewing the constitution of the Statistics and Biomathematics Graduate Student Association, I discovered that the disclaimer required by the university was not in your constitution. On the attached sheet, I have circled the disclaimer that is needed. Please see that it is included in your constitution and then send us a copy of your revised constitution. We will not be able to register your organization until this is taken care of.

Sincerely,

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Melody Lancaster Student Development

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Officers for 1985-1986

President:

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Vice President:	Jennifer Webb
Treasurer:	Marcia Gumpertz
GSA Represetative:	Kristen Meier
Alternate GSA Representative:	Joan Barrett

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