

# **BYLAWS**

## **Student Organization for Sustainability North Carolina State University Student Chapter of the National Association of Environmental Professionals**

### **ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE**

The purpose of this chapter is to promote sustainability and enhance the academic and career potentials of its members by:

- ❖ Promote an on-campus awareness of environmental issues.
- ❖ Exchange ideas, information, and experiences with our campus community.
- ❖ Encourage participation in local environmental activities
- ❖ Explore environmental career options/internship opportunities

### **ARTICLE 2 - INCORPORATION OF NAEP PROVISIONS**

The Student Chapter hereby incorporates by reference the By-laws of the National Association of Environmental Professionals, Inc. (Attachment 1).

The Student Chapter hereby incorporates by reference the NAEP Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice for Environmental Professionals (Attachment 2).

### **ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is open to all students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the university and others outside the university with a professional interest in any environmentally related field.

Voting members shall include all individuals currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate majors in environmentally related fields. Individuals must attend at least one regular meeting per term to vote.

Faculty, staff, alumni, and others may participate as non-voting members.

All members will be encouraged to become individual members of the NAEP.

### **ARTICLE 4 - OFFICERS**

- ❖ Section 1: This chapter shall be led by a board of directors comprised of no more than five persons.
- ❖ Section 2: The directors, who shall be known officially as "officers," shall share equally in the responsibilities, duties and leadership roles necessary for the proper functioning of this organization.
- ❖ Section 3: The specific responsibilities of each officer shall be decided and agreed upon by a consensus of the officers. It is recognized that responsibilities may be shifted from officer to officer on a regular basis in order to accommodate temporal differences in academic workloads and the desire of individuals to experience new roles within the organization.
- ❖ Section 4: Officers serve at the pleasure of the membership. Officers shall be nominated and appointed by majority vote of the membership. Their term shall be for one year, coinciding with the school year beginning in the Fall term. Officers may be reelected at the end of the year. Officers may be removed and replaced by a majority vote of the membership. In the event of a motion to remove an officer, at least one week prior notification must be given to the membership before the vote to remove is taken.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - COMMITTEES**

Committees may be appointed by the Officers to address specific issues, events, or activities. All committees shall be formed as needed and have ad hoc status.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - FACULTY ADVISOR**

The faculty advisor for the Student Chapter must be a general member of the NAEP and a member of the university faculty.

The advisor shall be the liaison between the student chapter and the university and administration and faculty. S/he shall review all chapter business and advise the chapter as to its purpose, as well as its responsibilities to the university and the NAEP.

#### **ARTICLE 7 - MEETINGS**

All chapter meetings shall be open to all members. There shall be no less than two meetings of the chapter each term. Special chapter meetings may be called by the Officers when deemed necessary.

Separate officers' meetings shall be held on a monthly or bimonthly basis for chapter organization and planning.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - DUES**

Any money deemed necessary for the operation of the organization shall be raised through fund-raising activities. No fee will be required to become a member of the chapter.

## **ARTICLE 9 - FINANCES**

The student chapter shall have full and complete control over all funds received by the student chapter.

The student chapter shall not be liable in any manner for NAEP debts and obligations. Conversely, NAEP shall not be liable in any manner for student chapter debts or obligations.

## **ARTICLE 10 - AMENDMENTS**

Proposed amendments to these bylaws must be sent to active members at least seven days prior to the meeting at which they will be considered. Ratification of the changes will require approval by a majority of all voting members present in person or by proxy.

All revisions, amendments, and/or changes to the bylaws shall in addition be submitted to NAEP for certification as to conformance with the bylaws and Articles of Association of NAEP.