

CONSTITUTION OF THE ZOOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be the Zoology Graduate Student Association. It shall be hereinafter referred to as the ZGSA.

Article II Objectives

The objectives of this organization shall be: 1) To present representative opinions on matters pertaining to the zoology graduate students to the Zoology Department and 2) To disseminate information of interest or importance to the students.

Article III Membership

Section 1 Composition

- A. The ZGSA shall be composed of all graduate students registered in the Zoology Department

Section 2 Elections

Regular elections shall be held each spring (April or May) for president, representative to the faculty, executive committee members and representative(s) at large (the number of which will be determined by the electorate).

- A. If a representative resigns or is removed from office a special election shall be held to fill the office until the next regular election

Article IV Amendments

Section 1 Amendments to this 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 two-thirds 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 Student Government. Any differences in opinion between the club and the President of Student Government shall be brought before the Legislature, whose decision shall be final.

Article V By-Laws

Section 1 Election of Officers

- A. The permanent offices shall be those of president, representative to faculty meetings, and GSA representative. Temporary offices may be created, for a specified term to perform specified duties, by a two-thirds majority of votes received after such a proposal has been posted in the Zoology Graduate Student mail rooms for one week. The term specified for such special offices shall not extend past the next regular election.
- B. Regular elections shall be held in April or May of each year.
- C. Special elections shall be whenever one of the permanent offices becomes vacant or whenever a temporary office is created. All vacancies shall be announced and posted by the presiding officer and the election shall occur by voting on the notice which will be posted in the mailrooms for one week.
- D. Nominations of candidates shall be from the floor for regular elections and by self-nomination for special elections.
- E. Elections shall be by a plurality of votes cast.

Section 2 Removal of Officers

- A. An officer may be resign by submitting written notification prior to the effective date of resignation.
- B. An officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote after a written motion to that effect has been posted for one week.

Section 3 Duties of Officers

- A. The president shall call and preside over ZGSA meetings, appoint ZGSA committees and their chairpersons, call ZGSA elections whenever necessary and perform duties imposed on his office by the ZGSA Constitution
- B. The representative to the Zoology Department faculty meetings shall attend the meetings, voice opinions of the zoology graduate students, and report on matters of interest to the graduate students which are discussed at the faculty meetings.
- C. The representative to the GSA shall attend at least seven out of ten of the regular GSA meetings and shall report back to the ZGSA.

Section 4 Quorum

A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the active voting membership, and no vote will be considered valid unless at least the quorum has voted. An active member shall be a fee paying graduate student in the zoology department who has signed the roll verifying this status.

Section 5 Voting

Each member shall have one vote. The president shall vote only to break or make a tie.

Section 6 Meetings

Meetings shall be held at least once a semester during the school year. The date of the meeting will be posted in the graduate mail rooms. Meetings shall be open to all graduate students registered in the zoology department at North Carolina State University and to guests of members, but non-members shall enter discussion only with the permission of the presiding officer. Procedure shall be according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 7 The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers and representatives from the various components of the zoology department.

Approved by the ZGSA November 1988



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September 17, 1986

Renee Hodgden, President
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Dear Ms. Hodgden:

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. S. Bryan, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Robert S. Bryan, Jr.
Assistant Director
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cc: President, Student Government
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April 14, 1985

Deborah Zeleznick
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Dear Deborah:

Upon receiving your organization's information sheet, it came to my attention that you did not include a constitution with a disclaimer which is required by the university. The attached sheet is an example of what is needed, please note the disclaimer is circled. Please send us a copy as soon as possible. We will not be able to register your organization until we have received this information.

Sincerely,

Melody Lancaster
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