

North Carolina State University
Plant Pathology Graduate Student Association
Constitution (Revised Spring 2005)

Article I Name and Objectives

- Section 1 This organization shall be known as the Plant Pathology Graduate Student Association (PPGSA).
- Section 2 The objectives of this Association shall be to act as a liaison between the graduate students and the faculty of the Department of Plant Pathology, assist in departmental functions when called upon to do so, and to offer suggestions to the department head concerning the improvement of departmental policies and procedures.
- Section 3 Special areas of interest to the Association include the following:
- A. Grievances that involve both faculty and students and problems unique to graduate students.
 - B. Recruitment and orientation of new graduate students.
 - C. Improvement of facilities and curriculum by presenting to the department head suggestions made by the graduate student body and approved by the association.
 - D. Development of activities to improve cohesiveness of the graduate student body within the department.
 - E. Any other matters of interest to the Association's graduate students.

Article II Membership

- Section 1 The association shall be open to all plant pathology graduate students at North Carolina State University.
- Section 2 A graduate student advisor shall be elected from the faculty as a non-administrative, non-voting member to aid the graduate students in personal concerns. The advisor's term shall extend as long as the advisor wishes to serve, at which point the association will elect a new advisor.

Article III Election and Removal of Officers

- Section 1 There shall be Graduate Student Council consisting of elected officers. The council shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, University Graduate Student Association (UGSA) Representative, Social Chair, and Student Recruitment Chair, and Electronic Communications Officer.

Section 2 Election of Officers

- A. Nominations will be taken for officers during the latter part of the spring semester followed by the election of Officers at the end of the semester. Officers shall serve for a term of one year from the time of election.
- B. To be eligible to be an officer in the council, a student must have been a member of the department for the preceding semester, with the exception of the President who must have been a member of the department for the preceding two semesters. In case of returning students, this rule is waived. Unless called to do so under special circumstances, officers shall serve for only one year in any capacity during their tenure as a student.

Section 3 Removal of Officers

- A. In the event that an officer is unable to perform their duties, the President will hold a special election to fill the position until the next election. In the case of the President being unable to perform his or her duties, the Vice-President shall fill the position and a special election will be held to fill the Vice-President opening until the next election. Students elected to fill such a position, may still be elected to serve in that position for another full term
- B. If an Officer is not fulfilling his or her duties, a special meeting of the Association shall be called to determine what action needs to be undertaken. A majority vote is required for any action.

Article IV Officers and Duties of the Same

Section 1 The Office of President

The President shall:

- A. Attend all required departmental faculty meetings
- B. Chair the Special Events Committee
- C. Organize lunch or dinner meetings per departmental request
- D. Oversee and delegate any additional responsibilities as required by the department
- E. Maintain Association notes and materials

Section 2 The Office of Vice-President

The Vice-President shall:

- A. Act as alternate for required faculty meetings
- B. Assist the president in his or her duties
- C. Head the finance committee

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