

University of Florida Student Chapter SAF

Constitution and By-Laws

ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization will be called the University of Florida Student Chapter of the Florida Section of the Society of American Foresters. Its location and boundaries will be the campus of the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32601.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Chapter of the Society will be to advance the science, technology, education and practice of professional forestry in America, especially in the Southeastern United States, and to use the knowledge and skills of the profession to benefit society.

Activities sponsored by the Chapter will be of an educational, professional and social nature. Some of the educational and professional activities included may include: organizational meetings with speakers; visits to private and public forestry concerns; attending meetings sponsored by the Society of American Foresters; joint activities with other professional organizations concerned with natural resources. Social activities will be those that purposefully promote the goodwill and objectives of the Society.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership will consist of the student and faculty members of the Society of American Foresters at the University of Florida.
2. All Student Members will be eligible to participate in Chapter activities, to vote on any issue before the Chapter, and to hold Chapter offices, provided the Chapter and Society dues have been paid. Faculty members will be entitled to participate in Chapter activities, but not to vote on issues before the Chapter nor to hold Chapter offices.
3. The Society shall have at least, but not limited to, one (1) Faculty Advisor. The Advisor shall be elected during the third (3) meeting of the Society at the beginning of the Fall semester of an academic year. The Faculty Advisor shall serve a term of two (2) years or until he or she officially resigns his position as Advisor to the Society, or is no longer a member of the Faculty at this University. In the event that the Faculty Advisor resigns his position during an academic year, the Society will nominate new candidate(s) and elect a new Faculty Advisor within one (1) month of the previous Advisor's resignation.
4. Term. The term of membership will be one calendar year beginning on the day Chapter dues are

paid.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Not less than one meeting per semester during the academic year, with the exception of summer, will be scheduled by the Executive Committee. Meetings may be authorized by the Chairman or Chairman-elect at any time upon the request of any Member.

ARTICLE V. FINANCE

SAF Council dues and Florida Section dues will be determined by the Council of the Society, and will be paid annually.

Membership dues for the Society shall be ten U.S. Dollars (\$10.00) per academic year, payable within one (1) month of the beginning of an academic year or after becoming a member of the Society.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Elected officers of the Chapter will include Chairman, Chairman-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, Faculty Advisor and any other officers deemed necessary by the Student Members. The Executive Committee, comprised of all elected officers and appointed members, will act as the governing body of the Student Chapter and handle essential Chapter business affairs.

All officers and appointed Student Members will be voting members.

Term of office. The officers of the Chapter will be elected by a plurality vote of the Student Members, and they will serve for one academic year following elections held during spring semester.

Duties. The Chairman will be responsible for developing and continuing the Chapter activities during the term of office and for organizing the membership toward meeting the Chapter objectives. The Chair will preside at meetings of the Chapter; serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee and ex-officio member of all other committees; oversee the business affairs of the Chapter; with the approval of the Executive Committee, appoint the standing committees; and perform all other duties commonly incident to such office.

The Chairman-elect will act for and assist the Chairman in conducting Chapter affairs as may be requested by the Chairman.

The Secretary-Treasurer will conduct all elections and referendums; keep the minutes of the Chapter; conduct its correspondence; announce its meetings; act as custodian of its records and accounts; receive and disburse all monies on behalf of the Chapter; and prepare the written annual report of the Chapter to be submitted to the Florida Division.

The Faculty Advisor will advise the Chapter and Officers on essential matters, and upon the request of the Chairman, assist the Chairman and Executive Committee with any business matters.

ARTICLE VII. UF POLICY

The Student Chapter, including all Members, abide by the Student Handbook, laws, rules and regulations governing the University of Florida and its students.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENT POLICY

The Constitution and By-Laws can be revised by posting proposed changes two weeks prior to voting. Approval requires a two-thirds majority of the members present.

ARTICLE IX. SAF POLICY

This Student Chapter, its By-Laws and Constitution, and amendments will be subject to the authority of the SAF Council and the Florida Division of the Society.

ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Roberts Rules of Order shall be the authority for rules of proceedings for the Student Chapter.

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