

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER BYLAWS
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ARTICLE I- Name

The name of this Student Chapter shall be The Soil and Water Conservation Society at NCSU.

ARTICLE II- Area

Section 1. The headquarters of this Chapter shall be North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Article III- Objectives

Section 1. To foster the science and art of natural resource conservation.

Section 2. To promote a more conducive relationship between the school and the local community, to establish beneficial relationships among students of other schools in the area with this Chapter, and to examine and correlate recommendations for improvements in appreciation of the subject matter of soil and water conservation on the North Carolina State University campus.

Section 3. To provide a professional environment for students in conservation, to further their education through extracurricular activities, and to provide opportunities for networking and career advancement.

ARTICLE IV- Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be limited to students enrolled as full-time students at North Carolina State University who have an interest in natural resources conservation and are student members of the Soil and Water Conservation Society International Headquarters.

Section 2. New members shall be accepted at any time during the academic year upon submitting appropriate application and membership payment (unless determined otherwise by school regulation).

Section 3. Annual membership dues for student members are set by the SWCS International Headquarters; additionally, student chapter dues will be payable in the amount of \$30. If or when a change in student chapter membership dues is under consideration, the Executive Committee shall notify the members of such proposed change and solicit review of the proposed change before final action.

ARTICLE V- Termination of Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be terminated upon failure of membership renewal specified in Article IV, Section 3, and transfer to another Chapter, voluntary resignation, or automatic dismissal sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the Chapter. The grounds for dismissal shall be defined as any activity detrimental to the Chapter.

ARTICLE VI- Officers

Section 1. The officers of this Chapter shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Faculty Advisor.

Section 2. Officers shall be dues-paid members of the society and student chapter with academic ratings in accordance with school policies.

Section 3. The President shall preside at all meetings, assume active leadership of the Chapter, and perform other customary duties of the office. The president shall represent the student chapter in official business conducted with the Hugh Hammond Bennett Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. The president shall represent the chapter at the Annual Conference of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

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Section 4. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the president, act as parliamentarian during meetings, and assist the President as needed.

Section 5. The Secretary shall keep the Minutes and official records of the Chapter and shall also handle all correspondence including that between the Chapter and the International Society.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all membership payments, fees, and other funds due to the Chapter, shall properly care for such funds, and, upon proper authorization, disburse them to meet obligations of the Chapter; and shall keep accurate financial records and account for all the funds according to the rules of the school.

Section 7. The Faculty Advisor shall be the official representative between the Chapter and the school administration; shall counsel with the officers, members, and committees of the Chapter and assist toward the highest accomplishment of the organization; and shall be a member in good standing of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. The faculty adviser must be an active member of the teaching staff of North Carolina State University and must be approved by the administration office of the school.

Section 8. Should an office become vacant prior to the completion of a normal year-long officer term, said vacancy shall be filled through a special election. If said office is the chapter president, then the vice president will fill the president's position and the vice president's office will be filled by special election.

ARTICLE VII- Elections

Section 1. Candidates for offices in the Chapter shall be nominated by a nominating committee provided under Article VIII, Section 1, with the provision that, in addition, nominations may be submitted from the floor providing the nominee shall qualify under Article IV, Section 3.

Section 2. Any candidate nominated for office must be present at the time of nomination.

Section 3. All officers of the Chapter shall be elected annually at the first meeting of the second semester of the academic year and shall perform their duties for a period of one year.

ARTICLE VIII- Committees

Section 1. An Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and the faculty adviser. All other committees, such as program, membership, nominations, and activities, shall be appointed by the President, as well as other committees and representative as are necessary to conduct the affairs of the Chapter.

ARTICLE IX- Meetings

Section 1. Chapter meetings shall be conducted at least once each month of the academic year to care for business matters, to have discussions on conservation subjects, to report on projects undertaken and the like. Additional meetings may be called by the officers and adviser, who shall also determine the time and place most convenient for all the members.

Section 2. All regular meetings of this Chapter shall be open to members of the parent Society, and other interested persons. However, only dues-paid student Chapter members are eligible to vote and hold Chapter offices.

ARTICLE X- Quorum

Section 1. One-half of the dues-paid Chapter members present shall constitute the quorum necessary for conducting a regular meeting.

Section 2. Two-thirds of the dues-paid members voting shall constitute the quorum necessary for voting procedures in elections and changes to the bylaws. A majority vote shall constitute a decision. The President shall cast the decisive ballot in the event of a tie.

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ARTICLE XI- Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1. This document may be amended by regular voting procedure as stated in Article X, Section 2 and with SWCS Board of Directors approval.

Section 2. Any proposed amendment must be presented to the Chapter at least one regular meeting before being acted upon.

ARTICLE XII- Procedure

Section 1. The rules contained in “Robert’s Rules of Order – Revised” shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws or the special rules of this Chapter.

ARTICLE XIII- Dissolution

Section 1. This Chapter may be dissolved by the Chapter in accordance with the rules proposed for amending the Bylaws (Articles XI), by the SWCS Board of Directors, or by authorities of the North Carolina State University.

Section 2. Upon dissolution, all just debts shall be paid out of the funds of the Chapter. Any remaining funds and assets shall be transferred to SWCS or to a nonprofit organization (if not in conflict with school regulation). All records shall be submitted to the school administration for filing or disposal (if so required), but otherwise sent to the SWCS International Office.