

Constitution of the Macon State College Natural Science Network (NSN)

Article I Name and Purpose

A. Name: Natural Science Network (NSN)

B. Purpose:

1. General Purpose: To expose interested students to a variety of research topics and issues in various science disciplines.

2. Specific goals:

a. To introduce students to current topics in various science disciplines (biology, chemistry, and physics, and sub-disciplines of these) through readings, presentations, and discussion.

b. To expose students to scientific research methods and to learn how to critically evaluate research outcomes through reading and discussion.

c. To increase the understanding of social implications and social impacts of scientific discovery through presentations and discussion.

d. To expose students to science through a variety of off-campus activities.

e. To introduce students to scientists and other students with similar interests in science.

3. Mission statement: This organization will support the mission of Macon State College and will subscribe to the policies and procedures of the University System of Georgia and Macon State College.

Article II Membership

A. Membership is confined to regularly enrolled Macon State College students who have a minimum academic load of three (3) hours per semester, and becomes effective upon payment of dues.

B. Membership will not be denied because of race, national origin, color, sex, age, religion, or disability.

D. Non-members may be allowed to attend meetings, but not to vote as a member or to attend off campus activities.

Article III Officers

A. Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

B. Elections:

1. Nominations for President will be cast by faculty advisors in January.

2. Nominations and elections for all other officers will be held in January or February. Terms of office will extend 1 year (January to January).

3. The President will break all tie votes.

C. Duties

1. President

a. He/she will call and preside over all of the meetings of the organization.

b. He/she will be the primary organizer of all events

sponsored by the organization.

c. He/she will authorize all dispensing of funds of the organization to cover the organization's expenditures.

d. He/she will designate co-organizers as needed to be responsible for specific organization activities.

e. He/she will appoint replacements for officers who are unable to fulfill their responsibilities.

2. Vice President

a. He/she will aid the President in organizing and publicizing all events sponsored by the organization.

b. In the absence of the President, the Vice President will preside over all of the meetings and activities of the organization.

c. If the office of the President becomes vacant for any reason, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President's office until the next election.

3. Secretary

a. He/she will record the minutes of each meeting and have them available to the membership before each subsequent meeting.

b. In the absence of the President and Vice President, he/she will preside over meetings.

c. The secretary is responsible for maintaining a current membership list of the organization.

d. The secretary is responsible for maintaining the official website of the organization.

d. The secretary is responsible for the timely distribution of correspondence and announcements.

4. Treasurer

a. He/she will collect dues and keep a record of all monies received and used by the organization.

b. He/she will be responsible for making timely deposits of monies collected on behalf of the organization.

c. He/she will be responsible for making timely payments or reimbursements of all expenses incurred by or on behalf of the organization as stipulated by Student Life policies.

d. He/she will be responsible for providing a financial report at meetings when requested.

D. Eligibility

1. A student must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA to be eligible to serve as an officer.

E. Probation

1. Officers who are absent for three (3) meetings per semester

will be placed on probation for the entire year. An officer is considered absent if he/she does not stay at a meeting for two thirds of the meeting time.

2. Officers on probation who miss two additional meetings can be subject to removal from the office by the membership.

F. Additional Offices: The President may create additional offices and appoint officers for the year as he/she deems it necessary.

Article IV Meetings

A. Frequency: Meetings will normally be held twice per month, and no less than once per month. The membership may decide to meet more frequently.

B. Attendance: Officers and members are expected to attend all organization meetings.

C. All meetings, dates, times, and locations will be confirmed through the Office of Student Life.

Article V Faculty Advisor(s)

A. A faculty advisor or faculty co-advisors will be selected by the active members of the organization and approved through the Executive Committee of the Academic Council.

B. The advisor or the president-elect is responsible for calling the first meeting of a new school year.

Article VI Revenue

A. Dues

1. Dues will be collected at the first month of each semester (Fall and Spring semesters only).

2. The amount of the dues will be \$5 per semester, and will be subject to change by vote of members.

3. Non-members who do not pay dues may still attend meetings, but shall not vote or attend off-campus activities.

B. Fund raising: The organization may supplement its revenue with fund-raisers during the school year.

C. Fund raising activities may be organized as needed, in keeping with the Fundraising by Student Organizations Policy in Section IV of the MSC Student Handbook.

Article VII Ratification

A. The constitution is subject to approval of the proposed student membership, the Macon State College Student Government Association, the Office of Student Life, and the Associate Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.

Article VIII By-Laws

A. This constitution may be supplemented with By-Laws, which pertain to the above articles.

Article IX Amendments/Supplements

A. Members may present a written notice to the membership at a regular meeting to amend or supplement any part of the constitution. The proposed amendment/supplement will be voted

upon no sooner than the next regular scheduled meeting.

B. An amendment must receive a simple majority vote of all members.

This constitution was approved by SGA on 1/24/11