

Constitution of the Oregon State University Organic Growers Club

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Article One-Name

The name of this organization shall be the Organic Growers Club

Article Two-Purpose

The purpose of this association is to provide students with an opportunity to gain practical experience growing organic plants and crops. The club will include land, which members of the club will be able to access for their own projects, or in cooperation with each other. The club will also include community outreach to connect with the local professionals in the field of organic production and research. It is hoped that a community of people who share a common interest in organic methods will thus be developed.

Article Three-Membership

Section 1. Active members shall be those members who participate in club projects on a regular basis.

Section 2. Associate members shall be those who support the purposes of the club but may not choose or be able to regularly involved in the club activities.

Section 3. All voting members and officers of the Organic Growers Club must be enrolled for at least 6 credits at Oregon State University and pay student fees. At least 51 percent of all club members will be enrolled students at Oregon State University.

Section 4. Membership shall not be denied to any student on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, and disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran status.

Article 4-Officers

Section 1. The officers of the association will be the Board of Director, and the duties typically attributed to offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be shared among them. The Board of Directors shall be composed of 3 to 5 active members.

Section 2. Officers shall be nominated in October of each year. Election shall be by secret ballot and the candidates receiving the most votes shall be named the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Officers shall be elected to serve for one year or until their successors are elected.

Section 4. Officers shall have earned at least 6 credit hours in their most recently completed term. This requirement does not apply to first-term freshmen or first-term transfer students.

Section 5. Officers shall be registered for at least 6 hours concurrently.

Section 6. Officers shall not be on disciplinary probation.

Section 7. Officers shall have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 and not have been on probation for the most recently completed term prior to the term of election.

Section 8. A graduate student must pay student fees and meet the same requirements as an undergraduate student with the exception that full time status shall be a minimum of 6 hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00.

Section 9. An officer may be voted off the board of directors only by a unanimous vote of the remaining board members.

Article Five-Meetings

The regular meetings of this group shall be Thursday evenings unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors. Meeting may be held more frequently during the growing season, or for the planning of special events, etc.

Article Six-Relationships

The Organic Growers Club may have relationships with other local, state, or national organizations.

Article Seven-Activities

In addition to providing a space and some format for students to grow their own plants, The Organic Growers Club may bring in speakers, hold workshops, go on tours, or engage in other activities related to sustainable land use, crop production and horticulture.

Article Eight-Committees

Committees will be developed based on need and depending on what projects the club is engaging in at any given time. These committees shall be formed at meetings and shall be composed of a convenient number of active and/or associate members.

Article Nine-Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the association in all cases to which they are not inconsistent with constitution, bylaws and special rules of order the association may adopt.

Article Ten-Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the associated by two-thirds vote, provided members have been notified in advanced of the proposal.