Future Agricultural Science Teachers (FAST)

Constitution

Article I- Name
The name of this organization, as recognized by Texas A&M University, shall be the Future Agricultural Science Teachers (FAST).

Article II- Purpose
The purpose of this organization shall be to:
- Encourage and advance professional development.
- Increase leadership skills
- Allow for networking opportunities
- Provide social and recreational activities for club members

Article III- Membership
Membership will be open to students who have an interest in agricultural science teacher certification, are enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and have a GPR of 2.0 or higher.

Disciplining Officers:
Procedures for disciplining and/or removing an officer is as follows: the officer is given a notice of the issue in writing by the president or advisor. The officer is given three days to respond and/or rectify the issue. An executive committee of the remaining officers and advisor decide upon disciplinary action/removal of the officer. The officer in question is allotted 10 minutes before the executive committee to share their perspective/concern. Should an officer be removed, a replacement will be selected at the next regular meeting using the procedures outlined in Section V.

Disciplining Members:
Procedures for disciplining and/or removing a member is as follows: the member is given a notice of the issue in writing by the president or advisor. The member is given three days to respond and/or rectify the issue. An executive committee of the officers and advisor decide upon disciplinary action/removal of the member. The member in question is allotted 10 minutes before the executive committee to share their perspective/concern.

Article IV- Emblem
The official emblem of the FAST organization shall be as follows:
Article V - Officers
Officer Positions:

President: Duties include presiding over the meeting and all events. To serve as chief motivator and promoter of the FAST organization.

Vice President: Assist the president in all meetings, events, and duties.

Secretary: Record minutes for each meeting and event.

Treasurer: Handle all organization monies, including collecting dues each year and sending student dues to VATAT.

Reporter: Making flyers and talking to classes at the beginning of each semester about FAST and FAST meetings.

Officer Selection:
Officers will be selected by a process that includes evaluating the application, an interview, and a popular vote of the membership as follows: 40% Interview, 40% Popular Vote, and 20% Application

Requirements for Officers:
Officers must have a minimum grade point ratio (GPR) of 2.00 for undergraduate students and a 3.00 for graduate students. They must also meet that minimum GPR in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office.

For undergraduate students, the minimum GPR is 2.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration. In one limited circumstance, summer semester hours may be applied to this provision. In order for summer coursework to qualify toward a grade point ratio prior to election/appointment, at least six credit hours must have been taken during the course of either the full or two summer session(s).

For graduate level students the minimum GPR is a 3.00. In order for this provision to be met, at least four hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration. In
one limited circumstance, summer semester hours may be applied to this provision. In order for
summer coursework to qualify toward a grade point ratio prior to election/appointment, at least
four credit hours must have been taken during the course of either the full or two summer
session(s) unless fewer credits are required as they complete the final stages of their degree.
Officers must be in good standing with the university and be enrolled in:
at least half time (six or more credit hours), if an undergraduate student (unless fewer credits are
required to graduate in the spring and fall semesters) during the term of office, and
at least half time (four or more credits), if a graduate level student (unless fewer credits are
required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration
Requirement) during their term of office.

Officers should be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the
requirements described above.

Elections will be held during each November meeting and officers will installed at the December
meeting to serve a term that runs from January 1st to December 31st.

Article VI- Advisor
FAST Advisor Expectations:
• be a faculty member, professional or associate staff member or a graduate assistant employed
by the University.
• be familiar with activities of the organization and have (or be willing to obtain) an
appropriate level of experience, resources, and knowledge related to those activities and the
mission of the organization.
• meet with the officers of the student organization to discuss expectations for roles and
responsibilities. In order to stay connected with the organization, the advisor should regularly
attend executive as well as general meetings and be available outside those meetings for
advice and consultation related to the operations of the organization. Additionally, the
advisor should assist the organization in developing realistic goals for the academic year.
This will contribute to the educational and personal development of the students involved.

Article VII- Finances
All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank
account established for this organization at the Student Organization Finance Center and/or the
Fiscal Office. All funds must be deposited within 24 hours after collection.

The advisor to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.

Article VIII- Constitution
The constitution is to be reviewed annually and subject to the approval of the Department of
Student Activities.

Amendments to this constitution must be approved by 2/3 of the membership.

Article IX- Meetings and Activities
Meetings will be held monthly at times and locates determined by the officers.
Activities may include:
- Community Service Projects
- Fundraising Events
- Speakers
- Intramural/Recreational Athletics
- Career Development Activities

Approved by:

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