Constitution
Of the Animal Science Graduate Student Association

Purpose/Mission:

Section 1. To represent the graduate students of the Department of Animal Science within the Department and the University as a whole.

Section 2. To provide a structure wherein information concerning the graduate program and graduate life can be centrally collected and disseminated.

Section 3. To provide an organized mechanism whereby suggestions for the improvement of the graduate program can be offered, analyzed and transmitted to the Department.

Section 4. To provide a collective source from which the faculty can obtain student opinions on questions of mutual interest.

Section 5. To serve as a liaison between the graduate students, the Department and the University as a whole.

Section 6. To enhance and encourage cooperation and association among the graduate students within the Department.

Article I Membership

Section 1: Eligibility for Membership

A. Limited to Animal Science graduate students.

B. Any person who has graduated from the Department of Animal Science at the University of Connecticut with either a M.S. or Ph.D. degree shall be considered an alumni member of ASGSA.

Article II Elections

A. Elections are held at the beginning of each academic year (September).

B. Nomination Procedure
   1. One member may nominate another.
   2. Another member must make a second nomination.
C. Election Procedure
   1. Majority vote of the members (consensus)

Article III   Positions of Leadership

Section 1: Positions and Responsibilities

A. President
   1. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of ASGSA
   2. The President shall represent ASGSA and its interests to the
      Department, other University organizations, and non-
      University organizations.
   3. The President shall oversee all activities of ASGSA
   4. The President shall oversee the proper registration of ASGSA
      is performed with the Department of Campus Activities
      immediately upon taking office.

B. Vice-President
   1. The Vice-President shall perform the functions of the President
      during the absence or incapacity of the President or when
      delegated by the President to do so.
   2. The Vice-President shall assume the office of President
      automatically upon a vacancy in that office.
   3. The Vice-President shall chair general meetings of ASGSA.

C. Treasurer
   1. The Treasurer shall be the Chief Financial Officer and shall be
      responsible for maintaining all financial records of ASGSA.
   2. The Treasurer shall prepare all financial statements necessary
      to comply with University, state, and federal regulations.
   3. The Treasurer shall work with the Senator to obtain funding
      and reimbursement from the Graduate Student Senate of the
      University of Connecticut.
   4. The Treasurer shall determine means of fund raising and shall
      have the duties to supervise any fund raising events.
   5. Assistant
      i. The Treasurer shall have the authority to appoint an
         assistant to aid with record keeping.

D. Secretary
   1. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of ASGSA and
      shall maintain all organization records.

E. Senator
   1. The Senator shall attend all meetings of the Graduate Student
      Senate.
2. The Senator shall report back to the members of ASGSA any issues that pertain to graduate life and graduate education within the University.
3. The Senator shall be the primary contact regarding issues pertaining to graduate students at the University level.
4. The Senator shall work with the Treasurer to obtain funding and reimbursement from the Graduate Student Senate of the University of Connecticut.

Section 2: Terms of Officers

A. Officers may serve a term greater than one calendar year but must be re-elected by the majority of the members at the beginning of each academic year.

Section 3: Executive Board

A. The Executive Board shall consist of at least one member from each laboratory in the Department of Animal Science.
B. The purpose of the Executive Board will be to provide a representation of the entire graduate student population in the Department of Animal Science.
C. The Executive Board shall act as the ASGSA legislature, and will be responsible for reviewing and approving new articles to this constitution.
D. A quorum of at least fifty-one percent of Executive Board members must participate in each Executive Board decision.
E. No member of the Executive Board retains veto power.

Article IV Meetings

A. A scheduled meeting of ASGSA members shall take place at least once per month.
B. Members will be notified by secretary no later than 48 hours prior to a meeting.
C. Members will be informed of the tentative agenda of meetings.

Article V Finance

A. Dues
   1. No dues are required for membership
   2. Dues for individual functions may be required
3. Dues are paid upon request from the Executive Board at a general meeting

B. All funds shall be disbursed by the Treasurer upon majority authorization from the Executive Board.

C. The Treasurer shall determine means of fund raising and shall have the duties to supervise any fund raising events.

**Article VI  Amendments**

A. Must be proposed in a written format

B. At least two weeks of time must be allowed between notifications and voting

C. Approval of the majority of ASGSA members is required for passage

**Article VII  Advisor**

A. A faculty/staff advisor shall be chosen by a majority vote of ASGSA members using the guidelines established by the Department of Campus Activities.

B. The advisor shall provide counsel to the association

C. Must be staff or faculty member of the Department of Animal Science

D. Minimum length of term is one academic year