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## **SIUC Zoology Graduate Student Association Constitution**

### **Article I**

- **Section 1. Organization Name:** The name of this organization will be the Zoology Graduate Student Association. It will be hereafter referred to as ZGSA.
  
- **Section 2. Purpose of Organization (Organization Mission Statement):** The purpose of the organization will be to:
  1. Promote communication among graduate students, staff, and faculty of the Department of Zoology at Southern Illinois University.
  2. disseminate information of interest or importance to zoology graduate students.
  3. Represent Department of Zoology graduate students in any matter affecting their welfare within the Department, University or greater community.

### **Article II**

- **Section 1. General Membership:** All persons shall automatically become members of ZGSA upon acceptance into the graduate program of the Department of Zoology.

### **Article III**

- **Section 1. Governing Body**
  1. The ZGSA Executive Committee shall be composed of:
    - a. Two Co-chairperson;
    - b. a Treasurer; and
    - c. a Secretary.
  2. Past Executive Committee members may serve as advisors to the current Executive Committee.
  3. The Executive Committee shall work with the ZGSA Faculty Advisor(s) to accomplish ZGSA's purpose.
  4. Duties of the Executive Committee are as follows:
    - a. Co-chairs:
      - i. call and preside over ZGSA meetings;
      - ii. call for elections;
      - iii. appoint and oversee committees;
      - iv. organize social activities.
    - b. Treasurer:
      - i. maintain ZGSA financial records; and
      - ii. receive and dispense funds of ZGSA as approved by the Executive Committee.
    - c. Secretary:
      - i. record activities of meetings; and
      - ii. tally election results.

- **Section 2. Elections**

1. The ZGSA Executive Committee shall be elected annually, for a term of 1 year. Elections will be held at the end of Spring Semester. All zoology graduate students must be informed of elections at least 1 week prior to voting. Election is by majority vote.
2. All vacancies shall be filled by majority vote at the next general ZGSA meeting. All zoology graduate students must be informed of the election 1 week prior to the meeting. The term of office is for the remainder of the previous officer's term.
3. Officer's may be removed by a majority 2/3 vote of the mebers present and voting. All zoology graduate stuents must be notified of the intent to remove an officer 1 week prior to the meeting in which voting will take place.

**Article IV**

- **Section 1. Finances:** Finances of ZGSA shall consist of:

1. Student Activities Money;
2. donations; and
3. participation charges for specific functions when deemed necessary.

**Article V**

- **Section 1. Amendments:** Amendments to the constitution may be presented by any member of the organization. Each member of the organization must be informed of the proposed changes in the constitution 1 week prior to the meeting in which voting will occur. A majority of 2/3 of the members present and voting shall be required for passage.  
All amendments to this constitution shall be subject to the approval of the SIU Student Activities Office.

***Amended: September 1999.***