**The Constitution of the North Carolina State University Chapter**

**of the**

**Global Environmental Brigades**

**ARTICLE I: DEFINITION OF CHAPTER**

This organization shall be called the North Carolina State University Chapter of the Global Environmental Brigades. The organization will be an affiliated student chapter of Global Brigades (GB). The chapter shall therefore be subject to all rules and regulations set forth by the international organization. The chapter possesses the right to adopt its own rules and procedures within the framework of GB's rules and procedures and the rules and regulations of North Carolina State University. Any point not mentioned in the chapter constitution will be governed by the International Organization of Global Brigades. When conflict exists between the chapter constitution and the national constitution of the organization, the latter will govern.

GB is the world’s largest student-led global health and sustainable development organization. Since 2004, Global Brigades has mobilized thousands of university students and professionals through nine skill- based service programs to improve quality of life in under-resourced communities through partner organizations in Ghana, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama. Our mission: to empower volunteers to facilitate sustainable solutions in under- resourced communities while fostering local cultures. Our vision: To improve equality of life, by igniting the largest student-led social responsibility movement on the planet. As an Environmental Brigade, we empower rural communities in Panama to reverse degradation and preserve their environment through reforestation, sustainable agriculture, waste management, and education programs. Volunteers work with families and community leaders in rural villages on improving environmental sustainability, developing strategies to address the socio-economic challenges that link to resource depletion, and providing education to community members on the importance of preservation while expanding their farms or businesses. Our activities will be focused on reforestation and waste management, working with community members to help build tree nurseries, to grow sustenance trees to later be planted, and to provide education and help structure waste management.

**ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the chapter are to:

1. To go on at least one brigade a year in conjunction with GB’s approved partners in Panama.
2. To empower rural communities in Panama to reverse degradation and preserve their environment through reforestation, sustainable agriculture, waste management, and education programs.
3. To empower volunteers to facilitate sustainable solutions in under- resourced communities while fostering local cultures.
4. To provide volunteers with the opportunity to work with community members to help build tree nurseries, to grow sustenance trees to later be planted, and to provide education and help structure waste management.
5. To become a part of, and to contribute to the largest student-led social responsibility movement on the planet.
6. To promote understanding and awareness of the modern environmental and sociological issues that are being faced across the globe today.

These objectives shall be accomplished through:

1. Collaboration with GB’s approved partners in Panama.
2. On-campus volunteer recruitment.
3. Fundraising within the Raleigh community, as well as within volunteers’ hometown communities

**ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1: NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

No person shall be denied membership in this organization because of race, color, ethnic origin, sex, physical or mental disability, income, religious affiliation, or creed.

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP DESIGNATIONS

A) Regular Member

1. A regular member shall be defined as an undergraduate enrolled at North Carolina State University who has committed to the objectives of the campus chapter of Global Environmental Brigades.

B) Associate Member

1. An associate member shall be defined as a person who is not a student and has received a degree in the field of environmental science, environmental/biological environmental engineering, or Spanish; or
2. a person who is a student that is not working on a degree in the fields of environmental science, environmental/biological environmental engineering, or Spanish but has the sincere desire and interest in helping the chapter meet it's objectives.

C) Honorary Member

1. An honorary member shall be defined as a person who does not meet the definitions of regular or associate member but has made significant contributions and efforts in supporting the chapter and it's objectives.

SECTION 3: GENERAL BODY

The general body shall consist of all regular, affiliate, and honorary members of the chapter. Only regular and associate members shall have voting privileges at legislative meetings.

**ARTICLE IV: ADMINISTRATION**

SECTION 1: STRUCTURE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration shall consist of an executive board, non-executive officers, and committee chairpersons. The offices of the administration are elected positions. Any member of the chapter who:

1. Is a student in good standing, as defined by North Carolina State University.
2. Is a full-time student.
3. Carries a minimum GPA of 2.0 is eligible for an elected position. The term of office for each officer and chairperson shall be one academic year.
4. Each candidate for an Executive Board position must be elected by a simple majority vote.
5. If a member of the Executive Board resigns, an election will be held immediately to find a replacement for that position.

SECTION 2: EXECUTIVE BOARD
6. The executive board of the chapter shall consist of a Chapter President, VP of Programming, VP of Finance, VP of Development, and the VP of Communications.
7. The executive board shall: Determine all questions of policy and administer the affairs of the chapter under this; direct the investment and the care of the funds of the chapter and shall make appropriations for specific purposes.

SECTION 3: DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

A) The President shall be the official spokesperson for the chapter and be responsible for all business concerning the chapter. The President shall be in charge of the management of business of the chapter, which shall include the directing of other operating officers and the daily affairs of the chapter. The President will also preside over all official meetings of the chapter (executive and chapter meetings) and convey all information regarding the organization to the members.

B) The vice president of programming is responsible for the planning and execution of the NCSU GEB’s events and functions. He/she is the head of the programming cabinet and works to ensure members have a balanced, values-based experience. The top priorities of the vice president of programming are to: Appoint qualified members to the programming committee, Manage and facilitate the chapter’s planning of a calendar for the year.

C) The vice president of finance is the chapter’s chief financial officer.  He/she is entrusted with managing the chapter’s budget and properly allocating financial resources.  The top priorities of the vice president of finance are to: Create a budget that aligns with the chapter’s priorities and ensures financial stability, Maintain financial records that account for all expenses and revenues, and collect dues.

D) The vice president of member development is responsible for overseeing the chapter’s continuous development programming.  He/she has the opportunity to influence the chapter by providing programming that members want to participate in and adds value to their GEB experience. The top priorities of the vice president of member development are to: Organize and manage the member development committee, Track members’ progress through the environmental program, Work with the vice president of programming to ensure members get an environmentally rich experience, Organize the recruitment committee and recruitment teams to drive the quantity and quality of the chapter’s membership.

E) The vice president of communications is the chapter’s chief information officer.  It is an exciting role that grows and expands as technology advances.  The vice president of communications works to maintain strong lines of communication among various audiences—both internal and external. The top priorities of a vice president of communications are to: Maintain lines of communication among undergraduates, advisor, and other audiences, Generate local press for chapter achievements and events, and Drive the chapter’s social media presence.

**IV: Dues**

All regular and new members must pay annual membership dues at the beginning of the school term at the discretion of the executive board.

**V: Amending the Constitution**

Amendments to the constitution shall be presented by members of the club in writing and read at a regular meeting but shall not be voted upon until the next regular meeting and then only after informing each member of the proposed amendments. A two-thirds majority of regular members present and voting shall be required to pass the amendment.

**VI: Meetings**

SECTION 1: REGULAR MEETINGS

At the beginning of each semester, a time and place for weekly or bi-weekly meetings shall be decided upon by majority vote of the regular members.

SECTION 2: SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings shall be held at the discretion of the President and all members will be notified of the time and place.

SECTION 3: OFFICER MEETINGS

Officers shall meet a minimum of every two weeks during the academic year at a time and place designated by the President.

**VII: Committees**

The club shall form special committees as needed. The President shall appoint committee chairpersons.