**Constitution of the School of Plant Sciences Graduate Student Club**

Adopted January 18th, 2011

**Article I – Name**

The name of this organization shall be The School of Plant Sciences Graduate Student Club (A.K.A. PLSGSC). This organization is a student organization of The University of Arizona.

**Article II – Objectives**

The objectives of this organization shall be:

1. To promote interest in the plant sciences and associated disciplines.
2. To provide fellowship among student, faculty, and staff.
3. To represent student needs and wants in regard to the field of Plant Sciences.
4. To provide a forum for the presentation of innovative ideas to the benefit of the university community.

**Article III – Membership**

1. Any student at The University of Arizona is eligible to be an active member and may hold office.
2. Non-students may act as associate members, but may not vote or hold office.

**Article IV – Officers**

1. Election of Officers.
2. The officers of this organization are president, vice president, public relations officer, records officer, and treasurer.
3. Officers will be elected by written ballot, with each active member casting a vote. A majority of votes will constitute a victory.
4. Election of officers will take place in the third week of the spring semester.
5. Officers will assume office for a period of one year.
6. If at any point during an officer’s term he or she must vacate their post, that vacancy will be filled temporarily by appointment from either the president or vice president until an emergence election can be held to fill this post (Article V). This election will take place within three weeks of the office vacancy.
7. Recall of Officers.
8. Officers are subject to recall for malfeasance in office.
9. Recall procedures will be initiated at the request of five active members.
10. A hearing will be conducted at the regular meeting for the presentation of evidence from all concerned parties.
11. A majority of those active members voting in a recall at the end of the hearing is necessary to remove any office.

**Article V – Voting**

1. A quorum will be considered achieved when during a meeting, scheduled or otherwise, two officers and at least three active members are in attendance.
2. This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of those voting, a quorum being present.
3. Voting on amendments must be concluded after a minimum notice of 2 weeks.

**Article VI – Not-for-profit Statement**

This is a not-for-profit organization.

**Article VII – Statement of Non-discrimination**

This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, gender, disability or handicap, religion, sexual orientation, disabled veteran’s status or Vietnam era veteran’s status in any of its policies, procedures, and practices. This policy will include, but is not limited to recruiting, membership, organization activities, or opportunity to hold office.

**Article VIII – Financial Obligations**

A majority of voting members of this organization may determine reasonable dues and fees assessed to each member at the beginning of each semester. Current dues are set to $0.00.

A specific member or members, designated by this organization, shall be responsible for payment in full of all debts accumulated by the organization not covered by funds on deposit.

**Article XI – Statement of Non-hazing**

This organization will not conspire to engage in hazing, participate in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm or personal degradation, or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person attending the institution.

**Article X -- Statement of Compliance with Campus Regulations**

This organization shall comply with all University and campus policies and regulations, in addition to all local, state, and federal laws.

**By-Laws**

1. Cabinet
2. President
3. Coordinates all activities of the organization
4. Liaison to the University community
5. Official representative of the organization
6. Calls regular and special meetings
7. Presides at meetings
8. Prepares agenda for meetings
9. Social Networking and Outreach Coordinator
10. Assumes duties of president, when necessary
11. Assists president in coordinating activities
12. Records Officer
13. Maintains accurate and current information of the organization and membership
14. Assists president and vice-president to coordinate organization activities
15. Keeps accurate minutes of each meeting and forwards copies to each officer
16. Keeps attendance records at each meeting
17. Treasurer
18. Liaison to ASUA for the purpose of organizational funding
19. Maintains accurate and current accounts of all organizational funds
20. Responsible for the dispensing of funds in accordance with goals and programs established by the organization.
21. Meetings

Meetings will be open to all organization active and associate members, faculty, and the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership representatives. A notice of at least 2 weeks will be given prior to all meetings. The meetings are to be organized and controlled by officers and active members.