

**Constitution of the Family and Consumer Sciences Club
Of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College**

**Standing Rules
Updated August 2008**

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Family and Consumer Sciences Club of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (FACS Club).

**ARTICLE II
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The FACS Club is open to all ABAC students. The Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) Club provides opportunities for FCS majors to network with other colleges and universities with similar programs and provides professional development opportunities. The FACS Club encourages members to be involved in club and campus-wide activities. To promote good citizenship, the FACS Club encourages members to become active participants in community service projects that are designed to better the ABAC Campus and the Tifton community.

OBJECTIVES

The FACS Club shall work toward:

1. Promoting a better understanding of Family and Consumer Sciences through programs.
2. Improve the club through more active participation of each member.
3. Encourage leadership skills through club activities and programs.
4. Encourage campus involvement among members.

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP**

All ABAC students are eligible for membership. FACS majors are encouraged to join the organization to promote professional development in their chosen career field. Members must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 to be eligible to participate in meetings requiring travel and to be eligible to run for an officer or leadership position within the organization.

**ARTICLE IV
DUES AND AFFILIATION**

Section I. The Family and Consumer Sciences Club is affiliated with the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Section II. A membership fee will be charged each semester. Members must pay the dues to obtain voting privileges and appear on the club roster.

Section III. Members must pay \$60.00 to affiliate with American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) and the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (GAFCS). Membership in AAFCS and GAFCS is voluntary.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND GOVERNING BODIES

Section I. The elected officers shall consist of president, vice-president, secretary, public relations chair, historian, and Student Government Representative.

Section II. The ABAC chapter of FACS shall have an advisor from the FACS faculty. The advisor shall act as treasurer of the club. The advisor should attend club meetings and assist club members with club projects and campus activities.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

The ABAC Chapter shall meet weekly or biweekly as arranged each semester depending upon the class schedule of the members and advisor.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

These standing rules may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting provided the substance of the proposed amendment shall have been considered in due form by the president before being presented to the members for voting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE VIII ELECTIONS

Annual officer elections shall be held in April. Candidates must have paid their membership dues to the ABAC Family and Consumer Sciences prior to running for an office. Candidates must have a minimum GPA of 2.0. Interested candidates should complete an application and submit it to the club advisor and president prior to the

meeting in which elections will occur. At the meeting when elections shall take place, the floor will be opened for nominations. Nominations will be taken. Candidates must state reason for desiring officer position and detail their ability to carry out the duties of that particular office. Secret ballot voting will be used to determine the winner of the officer position. Majority will rule.

ARTICLE IX FUNCTIONS OF OFFICERS

Section I. The elected officer positions shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Public Relations liaison, Historian, and Student Government Representative.

Section II. President: This organization shall have a President with the duties of calling and running meetings and handling day-to-day affairs. The President shall be responsible for the registration of the Family and Consumer Sciences Club, completing the End of the Year Report (Summary of Activities), and all required paperwork for the continuation of the organization. The President has the power to organize committees, name committee chairs, vote only in the case of a tie, and be a member of every committee. The President shall also be responsible for checking the organizations mailbox and for disseminating information about other activities offered by other student organizations.

Section III. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall serve the role of President if the President is absent, unable to serve the duties of President, or if the President resigns. The Vice President should also be responsible for checking the organization's mailbox and for disseminating information about other activities offered by other student organizations.

Section IV. Secretary: It will be the duty of the secretary to conduct all necessary correspondence, reports, and evaluations of club activities. The secretary will keep minutes of the club's meetings. The secretary shall take attendance of those present at meetings and record member contact information.

Section V. Public Relations Chair: The Public Relations Chair will be responsible for publicizing the club's events. This includes placing advertisements with community and campus media such as the ABAC radio station, The Stallion newspaper, the Tifton Gazette and posting flyers around campus with information regarding club events and activities.

Section VI. Historian: The Historian will be responsible for chronicling the club's activities throughout the year. This will involve taking pictures at events that involve club members and saving newspaper articles pertaining to the club's activities and accomplishments. The Historian will also be responsible for organizing the members in completing the scrapbook to submit for Club of Year.

Section VII. Student Government Association Representative: The Inter-Activities Council Representative will be responsible for attending all IAC meetings and reporting the information back to the FACS Club members. It is the IAC representative's responsibility to find a replacement if he/she is unable to attend a meeting. The IAC representative shall also be responsible for checking the organization's mailbox and for disseminating information about other activities offered by other student organizations that are shared at the biweekly meeting of the IAC.

**ARTICLE X
NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE**

The organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and all local, state, and federal laws. Members will become acquainted with policies and procedures in the official student handbook and other policies and procedures provided by Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. This organization is a viable functioning organization composed of undergraduate students and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, veteran, disabled status, or sexual orientation.

**ARTICLE XI
GEORGIA HAZING LAW**

- (a) As used in this Code section, the term:
- (1) “Haze” means to subject a student to an activity which endangers or is likely to endanger the physical health of a student, regardless of a student’s willingness to participate in such activity.
 - (2) “School” means any school, college, or university in this state.
 - (3) “School organization” means any club, society, fraternity, sorority, or a group living together which has students as its principal members.
 - (4) “Student” means any person enrolled in a school in this state.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to haze any student in connection with or as a condition or precondition of gaining acceptance, membership, office, or other status in school organization.
- (c) Any person who violates this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature.