

The Horticulture Club

Abraham Baldwin AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Purpose:

1. Promote environmental interests for students, faculty, staff and community people
2. Promote professionalism among students and members of the green industry
3. Help identify and develop leadership qualities
4. Promote extra-curricular activities on campus

Activities:

1. Hay bale contest as a fund raiser and to promote community involvement within clubs
2. Fall and spring plant sales as a fund raiser and to promote environmental interest by providing plants to people on and off campus..
3. Sponsor guests speakers on campus from green industry.
4. Represent ABAC at the Georgia Green “Wintergreen” Conference in Athens, Georgia.
5. Collaboration with the ABAC Ag Division Clubs to raise funds for Relay for Life by hosting a one-day beach volleyball tournament.
6. Collaboration with other divisional clubs in conducting the Ag Day in the fall and spring semester for students in the agricultural division.
7. Assisting with the Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition in Moultrie, GA in providing plants and plant care around ABAC exhibit
8. Assisting with the Georgia FFA District landscape and floriculture contests on ABAC’s campus.
9. Maintain and transport ferns and other greenery to be utilized for First Tuesdays concerts, Music/Choir recitals, Freshman Convocation, Honors Day, Leadership Banquet, Ag Division Banquet, Gospel Fest and other student activities that occur on campus.
10. Cookouts to promote membership drives and student rapport.

Membership:

1. Expressed interest in environmental horticulture as a career or just as an activity
2. Participate in club meetings and activities
3. Pay semester dues to the club as established each Fall Semester

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Horticulture Club Constitution

Article 1

Principals

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Horticulture Club.

Section 2. The principles and objectives of this organization shall be:

To provide and develop a program of activities in the club in accordance with the highest ethical standards of Horticulture.

To promote, in each member, excellence in scholarship as one of the principal objectives.

To develop, within the club, an appreciation of Horticulture as a profession or hobby.

Article II

Section 1. Any student interested in the field of Horticulture can become a member.

Article III

Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of the club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Chairman, And Program Chairman in that order.

Section 2. All elected officers shall be a student of ABAC at least one quarter before being nominated. All officers must maintain a grade point average of 2.0, and failure to achieve will result in probation of that officer. Officers must also have some knowledge of parliamentary procedures. Officers must abide by ABAC's Student's Handbook and Code of Ethics.

- Section 3.** Election of officers shall be the end of Spring Semester and to take office the beginning of Fall Semester the following year. The term held shall be yearly, Vote shall be a majority.
- Section 4.** If an elected officer fails to perform as expected, he may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the members and his office declared vacant.
- Section 5.** (under Article VII, Section 1)

Article IV

Duties of Officers

- Section 1.** The President shall preside at all club meetings, preserve order, decide on all points of order, appoint all committees, and all such duties as may devolve upon him.
- Section 2.** Vice-President will preside over meetings in the absence of the President, shall assist him.
- Section 3.** The Secretary shall keep a record of club meetings and preform all correspondence. He shall act as historian of the club and keep minutes of the meetings.
- Section 4.** The Treasurer shall collect all dues and other monies of the club, as set by the members, and keep an accurate account of them.
- Section 5.** The Public Relations Chairman shall be responsible for reporting all news and important information to the club by various media. He shall place posters concerning events of the club and meetings.
- Section 6.** The Program Chairman shall see that there are programs during the quarter. He shall also introduce each guest speaker or special program the meeting may have.

Article V Committees

Section 1. The President shall appoint any committee as needed.

Article VI Meetings

Section 1. A regular meeting time of the club shall be set at the beginning of fall semester.

Section 2. The order of business shall be:

Roll Call
Reading of minutes of last meeting
Unfinished business
Proposal of membership (if needed)
Election of officers (if needed)
Reports of officers
New business
End of meeting

Section 3. The meeting shall be conducted in order of Roberts Rules of Order.

Article VII Miscellaneous

Section 1. If an office becomes vacant, and election must be held.

Section 2. Copies of the Constitution shall be available for all members.

Section 3. Faculty member(s), in accordance with ABAC policies, shall be designated as Faculty Advisor(s).

Section 4. At the end of every semester there shall be an award given for an outstanding club member voted on by the members of the club. Votes shall be tallied by the club advisor and one club member. A plaque shall be given to the recipient which shall read: "President to (member) Outstanding Horticulture Club Member (semester and year given).