

# **Constitution of the Rural Studies Club at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College**

## **Article I: Name**

The name of the organization instituted by this constitution shall be the Rural Studies Club, hereinafter referred to as RSC, of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, hereinafter referred to as ABAC.

## **Article II: Purpose**

The purpose of this organization is co-curricular. The club will provide an opportunity for the development of leadership and service, ensure the promotion of the Rural Studies program at ABAC both on and off campus, aid in the recruitment of new students for the Rural Studies program. However, the club will also expand the learning environment outside the classroom through the use of trips, special guest speakers and special events.

## **Article III : Non-Discrimination/Anti-Hazing**

The RSC agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of ABAC and all local, state, and federal laws. The RSC does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, gender, age, religion, natural origin, veteran status, handicap status, or sexual orientation. Nor does the RSC tolerate hazing of any student in connection with or as a condition or precondition of gaining acceptance, membership, office, or other status in the RSC.

## **Article IV: Membership**

The membership of the RSC shall consist of active and honorary.

-Section 1: Active Membership-Membership shall be open to all students currently enrolled at ABAC. To be an active member, one must pay annual dues, attend regular meetings and participate in organized events.

-Section 2: Honorary Membership-Alumni, faculty and staff members, officials of the college, or anyone who is not a current student may be awarded honorary membership. Honorary members are those who are helping to advance the Rural Studies program or the RSC. Honorary membership shall be awarded after a majority vote at any meeting of the RSC.

## **Article V: Parliamentary Procedure**

-Section 1: Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall be followed by the organization in all cases involving parliamentary procedure when it does not conflict with this constitution.

-Section 2: A quorum of fifty percent plus one of the active members to conduct official business.

## **Article VI: Executive Board**

The executive board of this organization shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, SGA Representative, Community Service Committee Chair, and Special Events Committee Chair. The term of all elected officers shall be one academic year. In order to be eligible to be an officer a student must be in good academic standings with ABAC, holding a GPA higher than 2.0.

-Section 1: President: The president shall facilitate all meetings of the organization. If the President is unable to attend a meeting the Vice President shall facilitate the meeting in their place.

-Section 2: Vice President: Prepare the agenda for each meeting after discussion with the executive board and email the agenda to all officers and advisors at least two days prior to the meeting. In the event of the President's absence the Vice President will facilitate the meeting.

-Section 3: Secretary: Record and have available upon request minutes for each meeting of the organization. Email the minutes to the Vice President for review within three days following a meeting. The secretary will also assume the duties of a club historian, keeping records for a club scrapbook.

-Section 4: SGA Representative: Attend all meetings of the SGA (Student Government Association) and report to the officers, members, and advisors the information received.

-Section 5: Committee Chairs:

-Community Service Chair: The Community Service Chair shall be responsible for helping to plan and organize all community service projects.

-Special Events Chair: The Special Events Chair shall be responsible for helping to plan and organize all special events.

## **Article VII: Elections**

-Section 1: All nominations and elections shall be held during the last meeting of the spring semester or at the beginning of the fall semester. Each elected term shall be for one academic year.

-Section 2: In order to run for office, all officers must complete an application in advance. If the student meets the qualifications, they will be placed on a secret ballot.

-Section 3: Only members who have paid the RSC dues shall be allowed to be vote.

## **Article VIII: Faculty Advisor(s)**

The faculty advisor shall act as a resource person and provide advisory support for the officers and members. The faculty advisor shall attend all general meetings; however, the faculty advisor is not allowed to vote. The faculty advisor shall perform other duties as requested by the officers.

### **Article IX: Method of Amending or Replacing the Constitution**

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed and ratified in any general meeting of the RSC. Ratification shall require a two-thirds approval from the executive board and a fifty-one percent approval from the active membership present at the general meeting.

### **Article X: Dissolution of the Organization**

In the event this organization dissolves, all monies left in the treasury, after outstanding debts and claims have been paid, shall be donated to ABAC's Rural Studies Program.