UGA PRE-VETERINARY MEDICINE CLUB CONSTITUTION

The purpose of the club is to promote the interests of the field of veterinary medicine and to acquaint the members with different aspects of veterinary medicine.

ARTICLE I: NAME

This organization shall be named the Pre-Veterinary Club and henceforth be known as the “UGA Pre-Vet Club.”

ARTICLE II: REQUIREMENTS AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all those interested in promoting the principles of veterinary medicine.

Membership is not limited to registered pre-vet students.

Attendance at functions and meetings is stressed.

All members must pay dues, per semester or year. Dues are subject to yearly change by the Executive Committee.

An active member is considered one who has paid all dues and has participated in one-half (1/2) of fundraising and community functions.

All active members will receive listserve announcements for the duration of their membership.

All active members shall be eligible for financial aid for club trips from the club treasury as determined by the executive board.

ARTICLE III: POWERS OF RULE PASSAGE

The power to pass rules shall be vested entirely in its membership and decided by a ¾ (three-fourths) majority.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Club advisors will be chosen from the UGA faculty to be present at meetings and events to act as a liaison to the university system.
The executive board of the Pre-Vet Club shall consist of the offices of president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, historian, fundraising chairperson, advertising chairperson, community service chairperson, members’ activities chairperson, and two Ag Hill representatives.

Elections will be held yearly for each office.

Only active members are eligible for office. No member is eligible for the office of president or vice-president his/her first year in the club.

In the event that only one qualified person runs unopposed, or no one qualifies to run, active first-year members may run for the office of vice-president.

Officers are exempt from dues.

ARTICLE V: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Elections will be by show of hand unless otherwise requested.
Nominations will be from the floor.
In order to be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast. When two candidates with the highest number of votes are in a close tie, a runoff can be held as determined by all present officers.

Elections will take place in the spring of each year. The new officers will take office at the final meeting of the spring semester.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

I. **The President**:
- shall preside over all meetings
- shall not vote except in the case of ties or amendments to the constitution
- shall serve as coordinator of all committees
- has the power to call any special meetings he/she deems necessary and appropriate
- shall keep the advisor current on all club activities
- shall keep club files
II. The Vice-President:
- shall serve in the capacity of the president and assume all presidential duties in the absence of the president
- shall be responsible for providing a speaker or other type of educational program at ¾ (three-fourths) of all official meetings.

III. The Secretary:
- shall keep the minutes of all meetings
- shall keep a record of attendance by members to be available upon request
- shall provide a phone list of club members, by no later than the third meeting of the fall semester, which shall be updated each semester
- shall maintain and update the club website and listserve
- shall keep a record of all member participation in club activities

IV. The Treasurer:
- shall collect all monies due
- shall keep a complete record of finances available upon request
- shall present the club financial status at every officers’ meeting
- shall take the place of the secretary in case of his/her absence at any meeting
- shall obtain permission of the executive board for all expenditures
- shall have the responsibility for any funds designated to a specific charity, which shall be decided by the club members

V. The Historian:
- shall keep records of all club activities in an orderly fashion to be passed from year to year
- shall maintain club closet and closet inventory
- shall design and distribute all club newsletters
- shall collect and inform members on public community events

VI. The Fundraising Chairperson:
- shall chair and coordinate all fundraising activities
- shall solicit and obtain corporate sponsorship for the club

VII. The Advertising Chairperson
-shall advertise all meetings and events
-shall recruit new members
-shall publicize all club accomplishments

VIII. Community Service Chairperson:
-shall make contacts throughout the community
-shall provide members with two volunteer opportunities per month: one that will be club involved and one that can be pursued alone

IX. Members’ Activities Chairperson:
-shall provide social opportunities for club members once a month
-shall arrange study groups if there is group interest

X. The Ag Hill Representative:
-shall attend all Ag Hill Council Meetings
-shall give the Ag Hill report at each meeting

ARTICLE VII

All officers are required to attend every official meeting unless otherwise arranged with the president or vice president.

ARTICLE VIII

Any officer not fulfilling his/her required duties is eligible for impeachment by a motion from the floor with a ¾ (three-fourths) majority concurring.

ARTICLE IX

The executive board shall decide all financial matters that will benefit the entire club. Reimbursement for approved expenditures shall be awarded accordingly.
The executive board shall appoint club committees when necessary.
The executive board has the power to make club decisions in case of a situation when the club membership cannot be called to order.
ARTICLE X: ACTIVITIES

All club activities have the specific purpose of promoting the veterinary field.
All activities are for charitable purposes or community service or for the enhancement of the club.
Any revenues gained through these activities shall be given to some charity or retained for the club to use as decided by the membership.
Membership involvement in the activities is stressed. Funds for club trips will be used in preference for active members.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any regularly called meeting of the membership by a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority of the members present.
An amendment must be read before the club at least one previous meeting prior to a vote for ratification.

ARTICLE XII: RATIFICATION

This constitution shall become effective upon ratification by a ¾ (three-fourths) majority.