



University of Kentucky
Agricultural Education Society
Constitution and By-Laws

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Article I

Name and Purpose

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the UK Agricultural Education Society.

Section 2: Strengthen the confidence of young women and men in themselves and their work and encourage an intelligent choice in agricultural education.

Section 3: To develop professional competencies and improve the abilities of agricultural education majors to conduct activities and work with organizations encountered in the professions.

Section 4: Initiate professionalism in agricultural education and other agricultural industries and/or careers.

Section 5: To cooperate and share ideas with other youth organizations, agencies, educators, and agricultural professionals whose objectives are similar to those of our organization.

Section 6: Provide educational experiences not found in the classroom.

Section 7: Encourage improvement in scholarship.

Section 8: To provide fellowship opportunities among those who are interested.

Article II

Membership

Section 1: Active Membership: Any student at the University of Kentucky who is interested in agricultural education shall be an active member upon payment of annual dues. Membership in the Agricultural Education Society is open to all UK students, without regard to race, religion, gender, national origin, disability, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital status, or parental status. A member is considered in good standing when he/she has paid their annual dues.

Section 2: Honorary membership may be extended to individuals who have made contributions to programs of agricultural education and to the general improvement of agriculture as determined by a three-fourths majority of vote of active membership present at a regular meeting. The Executive Committee will present Honorary Member candidates to the members at large. A maximum of two Honorary members will be awarded each year.

Section 3: Alumni membership shall be open to all former active members if the Ag. Ed. Society. Alumni are invited to visit and take part in Ag. Ed. Society activities.

Section 4: The annual membership dues shall be \$10 to be paid by the second meeting in the fall semester.

Article III

Expectations of Executive Committee

Section 1: It is expected that Executive Committee members are held to the highest standards.

These standards include:

1. Committed to the purpose of the organization.
2. Attend executive meetings, organizational meetings, and sponsored events as often as possible with the understanding of their roles and obligations as a student first.
3. Cooperate and communicate with fellow officers, advisors and members professionally.
4. Maintain a positive and friendly environment and attitude by example.
5. Provide a creative aspect of agricultural education and other opportunities.
6. Accomplish all tasks promptly.
7. Responsible for recruitment and retention of new and old members.
8. Responsibilities can be shared by officers to accomplish a task in a timely and effective manner as deemed necessary for the betterment of the organization as a whole.

Article IV

Duties of Officers

Section 1: All officers are held to the highest standards.

The duties for the President are:

1. Oversees and facilitates meetings in a prompt and efficient manner.
2. Is the primary representative at public functions and for the Ag. Ed. Alumni Board.
3. Registers the organization with the University of Kentucky through the office of student activities.
4. Plans agenda for meetings with the Executive Committee and makes agenda available to all members at monthly meetings.
5. Listens and facilitates the needs of the Agricultural Education Society members.
6. Decide in cases of emergency questions demanding immediate actions.

The duties for the Vice President are:

1. Performs all of the duties of the President should he or she be absent and facilitates the functioning of all committees, including the Executive Committee.
2. Maintains the Program of Activities.

The duties for the Secretary are:

1. Takes minutes and make them available for all officer, executive, and chapter meetings and in the event of their absence, he/she will find a stand-in for that meeting.
2. Maintains communications with all members.

3. Coordinates a roster of all active, dues paying members with the Treasurer.
4. Maintains the permanent records of Ag. Ed. Society to be kept in the Advisor's office.

The duties for the Treasurer are:

1. Receive and act as custodian of society funds.
2. Collects dues.
3. Coordinates a roster of all active, dues paying members with the Secretary.
4. Maintains financial records of the society.
5. Pays out society funds as authorized.
6. Prepares monthly financial statements.
7. Coordinates fundraising events.
8. Maintains membership cards for all dues paying members.
9. Acts as the Financial Committee Chairman.

Section 2: All committee chairmen and members are held to the highest standards and plan additional meetings as needed.

The duties for the Fundraising Committee are:

1. Will be chaired by the Treasurer.
2. Responsible for all fundraising activities, grants, and donations.
3. Responsible for Ag. Ed. apparel design and order.

The duties for the Fellowship Committee are:

1. Organize and plan the Agricultural Education Society Banquet.
2. Facilitates food and refreshments for meetings as needed.
3. Facilitates and coordinates participation in all Ag. Roundup activities.
4. Responsible for planning a minimum of one or two recreational activities per semester in due time.

The duties for the Outreach Committee are:

1. The chairman of this committee will act as the Ag. Student Council Representative for the Ag. Ed. Society.
2. Responsible for writing and mailing recruitment letters to incoming freshmen and transfer students or campus visits.
3. Plan and organize a minimum of one community project per semester.
4. Responsible for implementing and overseeing the Mentoring Program.
5. Responsible for the Kentucky FFA Experience at the Kentucky FFA Experience.

The duties for the Professional Development Committee are:

1. Provides and facilitates opportunities for members to attend the National and State FFA Conventions.
2. Responsible for contacting and scheduling a minimum of two guest speakers per semester.
3. Compiles a list of professional development opportunities and makes it available to all members.

4. Coordinate with advisors about Wildcat Leadership Workshop, UK Field Day, and other workshops as needed.

The duties for the Publicity Committee are:

1. Assists Secretary in the updating of local media used by Ag. Ed. Society.
2. Responsible for Ag. Ed. Society bulletin board.
3. Responsible for the Year in Review power point for banquet.
4. Publicizes meetings and events possibly through, but not limited to, posters, flyers, etc.
5. Creates professional relationships with media outlets, such as the Colonel and the Herald Leader.
6. Takes pictures of events and meetings.

Article V

Election of Officers and Committee Chairmen

Section 1: Any member who has paid their dues, submits an officer application, and maintains a minimum 2.5 GPA is eligible to serve as an officer in the Ag. Ed. Society. Applications will go out in October.

Section 2: The applicants will go through an interview process with a selection committee, which consists of a College of Agriculture Faculty member, the graduating members of the Executive Committee, one Ag. Ed. Alumni, and one Ag. Ed. Society member at large (chosen randomly.) Interview will take place in November. This committee will present a slate of officers at the December meeting.

Section 3: At the December meeting, present dues paying members will vote in a secret ballot on the officer slate. The slate must pass with a majority vote. If the slate is rejected, the process will begin again in January.

Section 4: In the case of vacant offices, applications will again be taken up for the remaining positions at the discretion of the slated officer team. Formal or informal interviews will be conducted, and the slate voted on at the December meeting will choose members to fill the vacancies. The new slate will be presented at the next meeting, where it must pass by a majority vote. Any remaining vacant offices may be combined with other positions.

Article VI

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws

Section 1: These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the society by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

Section 2: Amendments to these by-laws may be proposed by any member at any regular meeting.