

Constitution of
**The Environmental Science Mini-Graduate Student Association at the
University of California, Riverside**

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Environmental Science Mini-Graduate Student Association at UCR, established to provide a unified voice of the ES graduate students within the Graduate Student Association by enhancing interaction and communication among an interdisciplinary student body, do ordain and establish this constitution and subscribe to the regulations and policies of the University.

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this organization shall be Environmental Science Mini-Graduate Student Association at the University of California, Riverside, hereinafter referred to as ES Mini-GSA

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide a unified voice of the ES graduate students within the Graduate Student Association by enhancing interaction and communication among the interdisciplinary student body that makes up the ES program.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP PRACTICE

A. Eligibility for membership

Active membership of this student organization shall be chosen without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, color, disability, national origin, age, or marital status. All graduate students enrolled in the ES Program, who are in good academic standing within the program, are eligible for membership. Additionally, ES faculty members are eligible to serve as advisor.

ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS

A. List of officers
(Co)Chairpersons
GSA representative

B. Responsibilities of Officers
Chairperson(s) is(are) responsible for organization of meetings and finances. GSA representative is responsible for dissemination of information presented at monthly UCR GSA meetings and assisting the chairperson with financial matters.

C. Qualifications for becoming an officer

Any member is eligible to become an officer. The same individual may hold both officer positions concurrently. Any position may be filled by the same individual no more than two consecutive years.

D. Terms of office

Offices will be held for one year. Transition between officers will occur during the month of June. New officers will be nominated by the membership, and if necessary, a vote will be conducted.

E. Procedure for filling vacated offices

Either the other officer will assume the duties or a special nomination/election will be held to fill the position.

F. Procedure for removal of officers

Officers will not be removed unless they fall out of good standing within the ES program. In such a case, the other officer will assume the duties or a special nomination/election will be held to fill the position.

ARTICLE V
FINANCIAL RECORDS

A. Dues/membership fees

Membership will not require dues/fees to be paid. Income will be provided by the GSA of UCR. UCR GSA will require receipts to be turned in for the ES Mini-GSA to receive compensation. Thus, surplus funds will be retained by the UCR GSA. Additional funds (ie. fundraisers) may supplement this income. The officers will be responsible for maintaining financial records. Any member is welcome to offer advice on expenditures.

ARTICLE IX
ADVISORS

A. Definition of advisor

ES-Mini GSA advisor, selected by the organization, will provide guidance and advice in the operations of the organization.

B. Selection of advisors

The ES-Mini GSA officers will appoint an advisor. This advisor must be a faculty member participating in the ES program.

C. Terms of office

The advisor will serve for one year and will be appointed by the outgoing chairperson during the June transitional period. The advisor may be reappointed indefinitely.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

A. Proposing amendments

Any member may propose an amendment. Once proposed, every member must approve the amendment. If every member does not approve it within the year, it will be dismissed.

Signed: _____

Date Filed at Student Life: _____

Title: _____

Student Life Approval: _____

Date voted on by organization: _____

