

**UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE
COLLEGIATE CHAPTER FFA**

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section A. The organization shall be known as the Collegiate FFA at the University of Delaware and shall function as an associate chapter in the Delaware Association of the national organization of FFA.

Section B. The purposes of the organization shall be:

1. To develop competent, passionate, rural, and agricultural leadership.
2. To create and nurture a love of country life.
3. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of agricultural occupations.
4. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture and policies relating to agriculture.
5. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
6. To participate in cooperative effort.
7. To encourage and practice thrift.
8. To strengthen the confidence of students of agricultural education in themselves and in their work.
9. To familiarize prospective teachers of agriculture education with the FFA, its aims and activities and with the requirements and duties of an advisor(s) of a FFA chapter.
10. To acquaint prospective teachers with ways and means of accomplishing the objectives of the FFA as set forth in the Official Manual and in the program of activities of the Delaware Association.

Article II. Membership

Section A. Membership in this organization shall be **active** and **honorary**.

Section B. Any student enrolled at the University of Delaware is entitled to active membership.

Section C. Members of the faculty, farmers, and others who are helping to promote agricultural education may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular chapter meeting. Honorary members shall not vote, nor shall they hold any office.

Article III. Officers

Section A. The officers of this organization shall be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel, historian, chaplain and parliamentarian. All officers shall be nominated and elected from second semester freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior class students and shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices. In addition to the above offices there shall be an advisor, who is a member of the faculty in Agriculture Education.

Section B. Election and Term of Office

1. Officers of the chapter shall be elected and installed at the end of the Spring Term.
2. Officers shall serve for 1 (one) year (May 1 – April 30) as an active member and may be re-elected.

Section C. Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed for nonperformance of duty or conduct detrimental to the organization. The name of the officer to be removed shall be submitted one meeting in advance and voted on at the next meeting. A vote of two-thirds majority of those present at a meeting is required for the removal.

Section D. Resignation of Officers

At the first meeting after an officer resigns, a replacement will be elected to serve the remainder of his or her term. In the case of the President resigning, the vice-president will become President and a new vice-president will be elected.

Article IV. The Executive Committee

Section A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, chairmen of committees and the advisor. Committee chairmen shall be voting members of the Executive Committee.

Section B. The Executive Committee shall approve receipts and disbursements and be responsible for the welfare of the organization.

Section C. In case of emergency, the elected officers may take action without the approval of the membership.

Article V. Meetings

Section A. The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held two times per month at such time and place as announced, during the regular semesters.

Section B. Special meetings may be called at any time by the president or advisor(s).

Article VI. Dues

Section A. The annual dues shall be \$8.00 for chapter and \$7.00 for national, totaling \$15.00.

Section B. The dues of the chapter shall be payable in advance or by the third meeting.

Article VII. Program of Activities

Section A. The program of activities shall be prepared at the beginning of the Spring Term by the Program of Activities Committee for one year.

Section B. The Program of Activities will determine the kind and number of committees. The vice-president will coordinate committee work.

Article VIII. Insignia

As specified in the national constitution, the Collegiate Chapter insignia shall consist of a gold owl pin upon which is superimposed with the insignia of the FFA.

Article IX. Parliamentary Authority

Parliamentary Authority for this organization shall be Robert's Rules of Order.

Article X. Amendments

Section A. The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended to fit the needs of the chapter providing they do not conflict with National and State Constitutions.

Section B. Amendments shall be read at two consecutive meetings and approved by a majority vote at the second meeting, providing a quorum is present (one member over fifty percent). Amendments must be approved by the U.D.C.C. (University of Delaware Coordinating Council) and the Dean Of Students' Office.

Section C. The organization agrees to adhere to all policies and procedures of the University and all local, state, and federal laws. Members will become acquainted with policies and procedures in the Official student handbook and other policies and procedures provided by the University. This organization is a viable, functioning organization, composed of at least six full time undergraduate students and we do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, age, veteran status, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation.

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