

BYLAWS

As Adopted April 19th, 2011

Part I-The NCTA Student Senate

Article 1-Members

Section 1. Composition

The NCTA Student Senate shall consist of elected members from the NCTA Student Organizations with voting privileges. These members shall be elected and/or appointed in accordance with the constitution.

Section 2. Qualification

Every elected or appointed member of the NCTA Student Senate is required to be a full-time student at the University of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture. In addition, no student shall serve on the NCTA Student Senate if that student is currently on academic or disciplinary probation.

Section 3. Dismissal of a Member

The Executive Committee may call for dismissal of a member if the member has committed any of the following infractions. Said infractions include, but are not limited to:

- A) Accumulating three absences from the NCTA Student Senate meetings, during a single term, without reasonable excuses as determined by the President unless appealed to the Executive Committee.
- B) Manifesting negligence generally in assigned duties.
- C) Committing any action unbecoming of an NCTA Student Senate member.
- D) ~~The elected offices for first years are Secretary and Vice President. The elected offices possible for second and third years are President and Treasurer. The one office that is available for anyone is Parliamentarian.~~

Article 2-Officers

Section 1. Officers

The NCTA Student Senate shall have the following officers:

- A) The President
- B) The Vice-President
- C) The Secretary/Treasurer
- D) The Parliamentarian

Section 2. Election/Appointment

- A) The President, the Vice-President, the Secretary/Treasurer, and the Parliamentarian shall be elected in accordance with the Constitution Article V, Section 1;
- B) All officers shall be elected from the NCTA Student Senate by a ballot majority vote of the NCTA Student Senate.
- C) ~~President and Vice President of student senate are not able to be President or Vice President of any other clubs or organizations so that there is no discrepancy between clubs and organizations.~~

Section 3. Officer's Duties

In relation to the NCTA Student Senate:

- A) The President shall:
 - 1. Be a significant role model, attendance at regular meetings is crucial.
 - 2. Make certain that each meeting is well planned and organized, flows smoothly, and ends on time.
 - 3. Is responsible for agenda setting and makes sure that the Vice-President is prepared to preside in your absence.
 - 4. Prepare next year's president for his/her duties.
- B) The Vice-President shall:
 - 1. Be prepared to preside in the absence of the President.
 - 2. Have supervision and coordination of all committees.
- C) The Secretary/Treasurer shall:
 - 1. Take accurate minutes of the NCTA Student Senate meetings.
 - 2. Take attendance at NCTA Student Senate meetings.
 - 3. Is responsible for correspondence to all members of the NCTA Student Senate.
 - 4. Prepare payment and deposit forms.
 - 5. Keep an accurate record of income and disbursements.
- D) The Parliamentarian shall:
 - 1. See to it the Robert's Rules of Order are followed at all meetings.

Part II--General Provisions

Article 3-Bylaws

Section 1. Amendment

These bylaws may be amended with a three-fourths (3/4) vote of those present and voting, provided written notice of the amendment was given at the previous meeting.

Section 2. Suspension

None of these bylaws, including rules in the nature of special rules of order, may be suspended by any vote.

Article 4-Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the NCTA Student Senate in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the NCTA Student Senate may adopt.

Part IV-Narrative

The NCTA Student Senate was formed to be the supreme governing body in the regulation and coordination of all phases on student self-government and to serve as an agency through which a relationship between the administration, faculty, staff and students and between the general public may be maintained. The NCTA Student Senate is a student run association of the University of Nebraska-Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to strive to complement academic studies and enhance the overall education experience of the students through the development of, exposure to, and participation in social, cultural, governance, leadership and recreational programs and organizations. Participation in co-curricular activities and programs gives the students the opportunity to develop skills, abilities, and an appreciation for diversity which will enable them to be a more effective citizen and leader in the university environment as well as in the community.

The NCTA Student Organization has 18 Recognized Student Organizations in which students become involved. The Student Government, honor societies, academic/professional, sports and recreational organizations are all available on campus.

The University of Nebraska-Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture recognizes the value of a well-rounded program for student development and encourages students to participate in campus activities. Involvement develops leadership and organizational skills and assists with the transition to college life.

Student Clubs and Organizations

Business club

Cru

Collegiate Cattlemen's

Collegiate 4-H/FFA

Farm Bureau

Horticulture

Livestock Judging

Phi Theta Kappa

Ranch Horse Team

Rodeo Team

Safari Club

STVMA

Women in Ag

Trap Club

Stock Dog

The NCTA Student Organizations office is located in Ag Hall, it is the key to co-curricular activities and leadership development on campus. Starting a new organization is easy to accomplish by contacting the compliance officer in this office