

**ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of this organization is Organic and Sustainable Agriculture Club. This organization will utilize the acronym OSAC in all publicity materials and correspondence.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The purpose of the OSAC is to provide education through advocating alternative agricultural practices and methods, demonstrating fundamentals of agroecosystems and sustainable food systems to foster the awareness of social and environmental concerns to the University of Florida students and the local community.

**ARTICLE III. COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

Upon approval by the Department of Student Activities and Involvement, OSAC shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. OSAC shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, as well as all University of Florida regulations, policies, and procedures. Such compliance includes but is not limited to the University's regulations related to Non-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment (including sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking), Hazing, Commercial Activity, and Student Leader Eligibility.

**ARTICLE IV. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS**

Section A. Non-Discrimination

OSAC agrees that it will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, genetic information and veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act.

Section B. Sexual Harassment

OSAC agrees that it will not engage in any activity that is unwelcome conduct of sexual nature that creates a hostile environment.

Section C. Hazing

OSAC agrees that it will not initiate, support, or encourage any events or situations that recklessly, by design, or intentionally endanger the mental or physical health or safety of a student for any purpose including but not limited to initiation or admission into or affiliation with any student group or organization.

Section D. Responsibility to Report

If this organization becomes aware of any such conduct described in this article, OSAC will report it immediately to Student Activities and Involvement, the Director of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, or the University's Title IX Coordinator.

**ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in this organization is open to all enrolled students at the University of Florida. Non-enrolled students, spouses, faculty, and staff may be associate members; however, they may not vote or hold office. All members and associate members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.

**ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS**

Section A: The elected officers of OSAC shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Community Outreach Coordinator, Historian, and Garden Manager.

Part 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committees.

Part 2: The Vice-President shall serve as an aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in her/his absence or inability to serve.

Part 3: The Treasurer shall receive all monies of OSAC; shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures; shall pay out local funds in accordance with the approved budget as authorized by the organization. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every meeting of OSAC and at other times when requested by the President or the Vice President.

Part 4: The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of OSAC and shall perform other duties as may be delegated.

Part 5: The Community Outreach Coordinator acts as the conduit between the University and the community.

Part 6: The Historian shall record all the events of the club, including taking photographs and posting to social media accounts.

Section B: Officers shall assume their official duties at the close of the last general meeting of the academic year and shall serve for a term of one academic semester and/or until their successors are elected.

Section C: Any officers of OSAC may be removed from office through the following process:

Part 1: A written request by at least three voting members of the organization shall be submitted to either the President, Vice President, or Treasurer. Written notification shall be sent to the officer in question asking that officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to respond to the removal request.

Part 2: A two thirds majority vote of members present is necessary to remove the officer.

Part 3: In the event of the removal of an officer, a special provision may be granted to the remaining officers to appoint an interim replacement until an election may be held.

## **ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS**

Nominations for all officers will take place annually from the members starting in spring semester. Any member may nominate any other voting member, including himself or herself. Nominations may also be made during the election meeting prior to closing of nominations. Voting will occur by secret ballot and a simple majority vote is required to elect an officer. If there are more than two candidates running and no candidate receives a majority vote, there shall be a run-off vote between the top two vote recipients at the next general meeting. No person shall

be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. Elections should take place in late March to early April to allow for turnover between old and new board.

**ARTICLE VIII. FACUTLY ADVISOR**

The faculty advisor shall serve as a resource person and provide advisory support for the officers and members of the organization. The faculty advisor shall attend general meetings; however, the faculty advisor may not vote in any OSAC matters. The faculty advisor shall be nominated by the officers and confirmed by a majority vote of the members.

**ARTICLE IX. FINANCE**

The Organic and Sustainable Agriculture Club will not require membership dues; however, it will raise funds through produce sales and similar activities for travel costs, materials fees, and club activities. Members are expected to participate in these fundraising activities. OSAC will also apply for Student Government (SG) and Agricultural and Life Sciences College Council (ALSAC).

**ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION**

In the event this organization dissolves, all monies left in the treasury, after outstanding debts and claims have been paid, shall be donated to St. Jude's.

**ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

Amendments to this constitution may be made at any regular meeting of OSAC provided notice of the proposed amendment was given one week prior to a vote. Amendments require a two-thirds vote of the voting members in attendance at the meeting, and are subject to final approval by the Department Student Activities and Involvement.