

# CONSTITUTION OF THE GATOR CITRUS CLUB

## ARTICLE I

### Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Gator Citrus Club.

## ARTICLE II

### Objectives of the Club

Section 1. Bring together all students interested in fruit crops.

Section 2. Promote and maintain a firm faculty-student relationship.

Section 3. Broaden student educational experience by maintaining contact with the fruit industry.

## ARTICLE III

### Membership

Section 1. Active membership is open to any full time University of Florida student, regardless of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, handicap, marital status or sexual orientation. An active member is one who attends meetings on a regularly schedule basis and who participates and supports club activities.

Section 2. Honorary membership may be conferred upon any person who has distinguished him or herself as determined by a majority of members present at any regularly scheduled meeting. Honorary members may participate in any club activity as an active member.

Section 3. All faculty members in the Department of Horticultural Sciences shall be considered associate members.

## ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The officers of this club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. The governance of this club shall be vested in the Executive Committee which shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a faculty advisor *ex officio*.

Section 3. Officers may succeed themselves for not more than one term. A term shall consist of 3 academic semester beginning with the Fall semester and ending with the Summer semester.

Section 4. There shall be an election of officers in September of the fall semester. The officers shall be elected by a majority of the members present. In the case of vacancy, the Executive Committee shall call an election to fill that office at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 5. The President shall preside over all meetings. The President shall call special meetings with due notice to members and shall perform other duties not specified so as to carry out business of the club with the general approval of the members.

Section 6. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of that official and will lend assistance to the President in carrying out the business of the club.

Section 7. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep minutes of all meetings, issue all orders and notices required, conduct club correspondence, and maintain a current scrapbook of club activities.

Section 8. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep all financial records of the club, pay club bills, and establish record keeping procedures as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE V

### Advisors

Section 1. Faculty advisor(s) shall be requested to serve on the Executive Committee. The selection and appointment of such advisors shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee with the advice and consent of the membership.

Section 2. There shall be a Senior and a Junior faculty advisor.

## ARTICLE VI

### Meetings

Section 1. There shall be regularly scheduled meetings throughout the active portions of the academic year. Summer semester is considered inactive.

## ARTICLE VII

### Amendments and By-Laws

Section 1. Amendments shall be made to this Constitution in the following manner: Upon recommendation for an amendment to the Constitution being approved by a majority vote of members present, the presiding officer shall appoint a committee to draw up the proposed amendment. At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the club, the proposed amendment shall be read. A 2/3 vote of the members present shall be needed to ratify the amendment.

Section 2. By-laws to this Constitution shall be originated or changed by a majority vote of active members at any regularly scheduled meeting of the club.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Committee

Section 1. Standing committees shall be appointed by the President. Duties and responsibilities of such committees shall be deemed by the Executive Committee with advice and consent of the members of the club.

Section 2. The President may appoint special committees.

## ARTICLE IX

Section 1. This organization does not condone or participate in any form of hazing. This organization will also abide by all rules, laws, and regulations governing the University of Florida and its students.

Section 2. Members are free to leave or disassociate without fear of retribution or harassment.

### By-laws

1. To participate in activities sponsored by the club wherein a member would benefit from a reduction in costs of that activity, the member must be considered "active" by the Executive Committee.
2. The Executive Committee shall use, as its guidelines for defining an "active" member, the following criteria:
  - a. The member shall meet the qualifications set forth under ARTICLE III of the Constitution.
  - b. The member shall have attended the regularly scheduled meetings of the club. Two absences will be allowed during the fall semester and 3 absences during the spring semester. Allowances may be made for absences due to regularly scheduled University of Florida classes and exams with the approval of the membership.
  - c. The member shall have participated fully in the citrus sale including, but not limited to flyer distribution, mailing list update, and physical sale.
  - d. A member must participate in a minimum of one club or College of Agriculture sponsored service project.
3. A record of attendance at meetings and other activities will be kept by the Secretary and certified by the President. Attendance at meeting and activities is required to keep active status.
4. There are no dues required of the member.
5. Checks from the Citrus Club shall require two signatures. Authorized signatures shall include the executive committee and the faculty advisors.