

BYLAWS  
Florida Gamma Beta Chapter  
Alpha Epsilon  
The Honor Society of Agricultural Engineering  
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Article I. ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Chapter Designation

This chapter shall be designated the "Florida Gamma Beta Chapter of Alpha Epsilon." "Florida" shall designate its geographic location, and the "Gamma Beta" shall designate this chapter as being the twenty-fourth organized in the United States

Section 2. Membership (Active)

The active member shall be elected from those students who have satisfied the requirements as stated in the Constitution, Article III. Selection shall be held at least once annually, during the Spring semester. Other selection events will only be held at the discretion of the executive committee.

- A. Juniors who have a cumulative scholastic rank in the upper quarter of their class in the College of Engineering may be elected to membership.
- B. Seniors who have a cumulative scholastic rank in the upper third of their class in the College of Engineering may be elected to membership.
- C. As herein, the term junior means an enrolled student, who has completed sixty semester hours of the scholastic requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree; the term senior means an enrolled student, who has completed ninety semester hours of the scholastic requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree.
- D. Eligibility of undergraduate students on the basis of both scholastic rank and completed work shall be based only on courses for which credit has been given toward the Bachelor of Science degree in the Department of Agricultural & Biological Engineering.
- E. Transfer undergraduate students who otherwise qualify may be elected after completing twelve semester hours of residency in the Agricultural & Biological Engineering Department at the University of Florida.
- F. Active members may be chosen among graduate students in Agricultural Engineering who would have met the requirements for membership as undergraduates at the institution they attended, had the organization existed there at that time.
- G. Graduate students not eligible for membership as undergraduates or transfer students will be eligible after completion of at least seven semester hours of graduate work with a minimum grade point average of 3.25.
- H. The student, in addition to having the necessary scholastic rank, must have the ability to make use of the knowledge, information and ideas the engineer may acquire, must have a capacity for hard work, must have demonstrated the ability to work in harmony with other people, and must have demonstrated a deep interest in the furtherance of the engineer's chosen profession by active participation in its activities.

Section 3. Membership (Alumni)

Alumni members are those who [1] have been active members of the chapter, [2] attained at least a baccalaureate degree, and [3] have left the Agricultural & Biological Engineering Department at the University of Florida as a student.

Section 4. Membership (Honorary)

Agricultural engineers who, by virtue of their professional accomplishments, have attained a degree of eminence in the profession, shall be eligible for honorary membership. The voting requirements for election shall be the same as for active membership. Not more than two honorary members may be elected to membership in any one year.

Section 5. Election

The election of members shall be by secret ballot of the active members. At least a three-fourths vote of those active members present at the membership election shall be required to elect a member. In no case, however, shall a member be elected without an affirmative vote of the representative number of the active members of the society as determined by the faculty advisors. There shall be no hazing of any initiate or member as part of the election process.

Article II. GOVERNMENT

Section 1.

Any active member of the society shall be eligible for any office. The election of officers shall be held at the end of the spring semester, and shall be conducted by method of secret ballot so all active members present may vote with impunity.

Section 2.

The faculty advisors shall be members of the Agricultural & Biological Engineering faculty and shall act in an advisory capacity. No engineering faculty member shall serve for more than two consecutive years.

Section 3.

The president shall have general supervision of all activities and shall preside at all meetings. The president shall also be empowered to appoint committees and to appoint an active member to fill any vacancy created due to resignation or disability of an officer.

Section 4.

The vice president shall, in the absence of the president, assume the president's duties. The vice president shall succeed to the presidency in case of the resignation or disability of the president and shall also be responsible for chapter public relations.

Section 5.

The secretary shall handle and keep a record all of the transactions, business and correspondence; keep minutes of all the meetings; maintain an active file of all members' addresses; and inform all members of activities of the organization.

Section 6.

The treasurer shall collect all dues, assessments, and all other money forthcoming to the chapter and act as custodian thereof. The treasurer shall pay bills authorized by the organization.

Section 7.

The executive committee shall consist of the officers and the faculty advisors. This committee shall monitor the basic operation of the chapter.

Article III. MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held at least four times during the school year. The frequency and occurrence of these meetings shall be determined by the executive committee.

Article IV. FEES AND DUES

Section 1.

A lifetime fee of \$30.00 shall be assessed for membership. This fee shall consist of: [1] the national dues of ten dollars (\$10.00), and [2] the lifetime chapter dues of twenty dollars (\$20.00). All active members, inducted prior to the 1999 Fall semester shall be charged the balance of the membership dues not previously charged. Chapter dues shall be used to carry out the objectives of the organization.

Section 2.

Special assessments may be made by a majority vote of active members.

Article V. MOTTO, RITUAL AND INSIGNIA

Section 1.

The motto of the society shall never be published but shall be handed down with other elements of secrecy through the ritual.

Section 2.

The insignia of the society shall be as represented by the official key on the cover page.

Article VI. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting providing that: a quorum is present at the meeting, and the amendment shall have been presented in writing and have been read at the last regular meeting.