

CONSTITUTION  
Florida Gamma Beta Chapter  
Alpha Epsilon  
The Honor Society of Agricultural Engineering  
June 12, 2001

PREAMBLE

We, of this honor society, believe that experience in a field of endeavor indicates true professionalism which should be publicly recognized and commended. Those individuals who have demonstrated their proficiency in the profession of Agricultural Engineering, either through academic pursuit or practical experience, are these true professionals. In order to perpetuate and promote the profession of Agricultural Engineering and to recognize its professionals, we hereby establish, organize and support this chapter.

Article I. NAME

The name of the honor society shall be "Florida Gamma Beta Chapter of Alpha Epsilon."

Article II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Alpha Epsilon Honor Society shall be to promote the high ideals of the engineering profession, to give recognition to those agricultural engineers who manifest worthy qualities of character, scholarship, and professional attainment, and to encourage and support such improvements in the Agricultural Engineering profession that make it an instrument of greater service to mankind.

Article III. ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

This chapter shall be organized so that it will conform and comply with the National Constitution of Alpha Epsilon, Article II, Section 1.

Section 2. *Basis for Membership*

The selection of members shall be based on engineering ability, scholarship, character and leadership.

Section 3. *Membership*

The Membership shall consist of three classes, namely: active, alumni and honorary.

- A. Active Members shall be chosen from among undergraduate and graduate students duly registered in an Agricultural Engineering curriculum. Selection shall be based on engineering ability, scholarship, character and leadership.
- B. Alumni members shall be individuals who have previously been active members of the chapter.
- C. Honorary members shall be elected on the basis of successful achievement in Agricultural Engineering.

#### Article IV. GOVERNMENT

##### Section 1.

A quorum shall consist of a representative number of active members as determine by the faculty advisors. A quorum shall be required to transact business and to elect new members and the junior advisor.

##### Section 2.

The officers shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

##### Section 3.

Officers shall be elected at least annually from the active members.

##### Section 4.

The chapter shall have two faculty advisors. Their designation shall be senior faculty advisor and junior faculty advisor.

##### Section 5.

The term for each faculty advisor position shall last one year. Upon completion of that year, the junior advisor shall assume the position of senior faculty advisor. A new junior faculty advisor shall then be elected.

#### Article V. DISCIPLINE

##### Section 1.

The method of discipline of members shall be by suspension or expulsion.

##### Section 2.

A member shall be suspended or expelled only by a majority vote of the active members of this chapter, for inexcusable absences, dereliction of duty, conduct unbecoming a professional, or other causes which adversely effect society, this chapter or its professional image.

#### Article VI. FREEDOM TO DISASSOCIATE

Any member of the Florida Gamma Beta Chapter of Alpha Epsilon has the freedom to leave and disassociate from the chapter at any time without fear of retribution or harassment.

#### Article VII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution 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.

#### Article VIII.

Any item which is not subject to the jurisdiction of this constitution or encompassed by this constitution shall be deemed the jurisdiction of the National Constitution of Alpha Epsilon.