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## AgLEC GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

### UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA--LINCOLN

ANNOUNCING THE **BIG NEWS**: Our Constitution has been approved!!! We are an *official* organization of the University.

It felt great to get the official notice about our association's approval and have that out of the way. The annual review report is being taken care of, so that means we can relax and have some fun this summer.

We are making plans for a couple events later this summer. One is a picnic with the faculty of AgLEC, and the other is an event at one of members home and a chance to meet the incoming Graduate students. More details to come at a later date.

There is a meeting **May 23, 1996**. It will be in **311 Ag Hall**, East Campus. The time is **5:30 P.M.**

Joel McCleary will be the Team Leader and will present the Topic of the Week--Diversity within the Association. Hope to see you there.

Jolene Schauer, President

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April 22, 1996

Nicki Schneider  
Association of Students of the University of Nebraska  
115 Nebraska Union  
P. O. Box 880461  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Lincoln, NE 68588

Dear Ms Schneider:

I am submitting the "Letter of Intent" required for the formation of a newly recognized student organization on campus. I have also included four copies of the organization's constitution.

The organization is called the AgLEC Graduate Student Organization and will include a membership consisting mainly of students pursuing Masters and Doctoral degrees.

The objectives of this organization are stated in the "Letter of Intent." They include promoting a true professional spirit of cooperation among graduate students of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication and enhancing relationships, professionally and socially, among staff members and graduate students of the Department.

Please submit this letter and the four copies of the constitution to the appropriate person(s) and advise if any further information or action is required. Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jolene Schauer, President  
AgLEC Graduate Student Organization  
(402) 472-8735

Enclosures

CONSTITUTION OF THE AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION AND  
COMMUNICATION GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA -- LINCOLN

PREAMBLE

We, the Graduate Students of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication, in our efforts to secure a more active and significant voice in the underlying principles of our respective disciplines, programs, working assignments and related concerns, do hereby subscribe to the following constitution:

Article I. **Name:**

The name of the organization shall be the Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication Graduate Student Association of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, hereafter referred to as the AgLEC GSA.

Article II. **Purpose:**

Section I. To promote a true professional spirit of cooperation among graduate students of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication.

Section II. To develop leadership qualities with national and international dimensions.

Section III. To enhance relationships, professionally and socially, among staff members and graduate students of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication.

Article III. **Membership:**

Section I. Membership shall be open to students currently enrolled or pursuing an approved graduate program in the Graduate College at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Section II. Eligibility:

A. This organization does not discriminate in the selection of members or appointments when discrimination is defined as denying individuals membership or appointment on the basis of a person's age, race, national origin, color, gender, sexual orientation, creed, handicap or place of residence.

- B. Membership shall consist of at least five currently enrolled student members. Non-students will be allowed to participate in any student organization activity, but will not be a voting member, or an elected or appointed officer of said organization. A non-student is someone who is not currently enrolled at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the Fall or Spring semester.

Section III. Methods of selecting members:

Members selected shall be graduate students (majors or minors) of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication, students whose graduate program may be in other Departments, but receive advising from AgLEC faculty, and other interested graduate students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Section IV. Types of members defined:

- A. Active members shall include graduate students of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication Graduate Programs (majors and minors) and students whose graduate program may be in other Departments, but receive advising from AgLEC faculty. They shall have voting privileges.
- B. Associate members shall include other interested graduate students. They shall have a voice, but no voting privileges.
- C. Honorary members shall include university alumni and faculty members of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication. They shall have a voice, but no voting privileges.
- D. Faculty shall include the Graduate Faculty Advisor of the AGLEC GSA and two faculty members from the Graduate Faculty of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication. They shall have a voice, but no voting privileges.

Article IV. **Officers:**

Section I. Officer listing:

The officers of the AgLEC GSA are as follows: President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.

It shall be the duty of the officers to listen to suggestions and comments from graduate students and staff and to prepare them for discussion at a general meeting of the AgLEC GSA.

Section II. Powers and duties of officers:

A. President:

1. To serve as liaison between the Department Head and staff of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication and the AgLEC GSA team leaders.
2. To bring pertinent information to the AgLEC GSA newsletter.
3. To delegate the work assignments and needs for upcoming GSA meetings.
4. To identify resources the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication can provide to support of the GSA, to acquire new resources if needed, and to discover what accountability is desired by the Department.

B. Vice President:

1. To assume responsibility of President in case of her/his absence.
2. To assume responsibilities delegated by the President.

C. Secretary/Treasurer:

1. To record and file records of the activities of the AgLEC GSA.

2. To submit, in cooperation with the President, information and articles to the newsletter personnel.
3. To handle all correspondence, in cooperation with the President, and maintain a record file of all correspondence.
4. To collect, keep record of and arrange safe keeping of such monies as the AgLEC GSA may obtain.
5. To disburse, at the direction of the President and with the approval of the AgLEC GSA, such monies as are required to meet the obligations of the AgLEC GSA.
6. To report to the AgLEC GSA, for approval at all regular meetings, all income and expenses (if any) and maintain records of all transactions, having records available for inspection at any time by members of the AgLEC GSA.

### Section III. Elections of Officers:

#### A. Officers of the organization shall be nominated and elected as follows:

1. Above nominees shall be graduate students of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication and students whose graduate program may be in other Departments, but receive advising from AgLEC faculty.
2. Above nominees shall have attended 75 percent of the GSA meetings.
3. Nominations and elections for the upcoming year shall occur at the last GSA meeting in December.

#### B. Term of office:

Each officer will serve a term for one academic year or for addition terms if re-elected.

### Section IV. Procedure to fill vacancies:

Nominations shall be accepted as vacancies occur; a position shall be filled at the next regular meeting.

Section V. Impeachment proceedings:

Impeachment processes require greater than 51 percent vote of the graduate students in the organization.

Article V. **Organizational Structure:**

Section I. Team Leaders Standing Committee:

All members of the GSA shall be asked to provide leadership for two consecutive regular meetings. Responsibilities will be known at least one regular meeting in advance.

Section II: Newsletter Standing Committee:

Interested/Appointed members of the GSA shall serve a one year term to produce a monthly newsletter.

Article VI. **Advisors:**

Section I. All advisors must be Academic/Administrative or Managerial Professional faculty staff of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Section II. Method of Selection:

A. Advisors shall be selected through consensus of the GSA and shall be asked by the President and Vice President to voluntarily serve a one year term.

B. Advisors shall be a member of the Graduate Faculty.

C. Advisors may be renominated.

Article VII. **Rules of Procedure:**

Section I. Frequency of meetings:

A. Regular meetings of the GSA shall be held once a month during the academic year.

B. Special meetings shall be called as needed by the President.



Article VIII. **Finance:**

Section I. Dues, membership fees:

Dues to the GSA are set at none. Change in dues shall require 51 percent vote of the graduate students.

Section II. Organizational monies will be handled by the Student Activities Financial Services, regardless of source.

Article IX. **Amendments:**

Must be ASUN approved.

Article X. **Effective date of constitution:**

This constitution was voted into effect on 4/11/1996.

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**LETTER OF INTENT  
FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Association of Students of the University of Nebraska  
115 Nebraska Union (402) 472-2581

(Please print or type except where signatures are requested)

AgLEC Graduate Student Organization  
Name of organization

Date submitted 4/22/1996

Type of organization please check one category :

- Ag Related
- Academic Interest/Professional Society
- Ethnic Minority
- Honorary/Honor Society
- Government
- International
- Military
- Political
- Publications
- Religion Affiliated
- Service
- Special Interest/Spirit
- Sports
- Other

**CONTACT PERSON:**

**ADVISOR:** (must be Academic/Admin. or Managerial Professional faculty staff of the Univ. of Nebr.-Lincoln)

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East Campus  
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Phone (402) 472-9791

The purpose(s) of this organization shall be: (use back or separate sheet if needed)  
To promote a true professional spirit of cooperation among graduate students of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication.  
To develop leadership qualities with national and international dimensions.  
To enhance relationships, professionally and socially, among staff members and graduate students of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication.

**ASUN'S BYLAW #5 REQUIRES THAT ALL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE:**

This organization does not discriminate in the selection of members or appointments when discrimination is defined as denying individuals membership or appointment on the basis of a person's age, race, national origin, color, sexual orientation, gender, creed, handicap, or place of residence.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE BACK SIDE OF THIS DOCUMENT**

## AgLEC GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION

### LETTER OF INTENT--ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION

The AgLEC Graduate Student Organization's development was based on the objectives of: promoting a true professional spirit of cooperation among graduate students of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication; enhancing relationships, professionally and socially, among staff members and graduate students of the Department; and developing leadership qualities with national and international dimensions.

Potential activities include speakers related to the graduates' areas of studies and departmental issues, presentations of the graduate students' thesis ideas, attending seminars related to leadership, education, communication and the graduates' areas of studies, faculty presentations pertaining to projects or research, and social activities with faculty, such as bowling tournament or an evening at a local restaurant.

The organization is developing a newsletter for distribution among its members and potential members. Along with that, there is a potential for news dissemination on the Department's Home Page.

Jolene Schauer  
President