



INTEREST-RSO CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this student organization shall be the Environmental Science Student Association, hereinafter referred to as “the Organization.”

ARTICLE II: Recognition

Section 1: The University of Oklahoma, through the registration process of Student Life, a department within the Division of Student Affairs, recognizes the Organization as an **Interest - Registered Student Organization (ISO)**.

(1) Every registered student organization must register annually.

Section 2: Recognition of the Organization may be rescinded at any time by the Office of Student Affairs. Failure to adhere to the Registered Student Organization policy and/or the guidelines within, may result in rescinded recognition and/or Student Conduct charges.

Section 3: An ‘Interest’ Registered Student Organization is a student-created organization based on interest and/or advocacy.

(1) Recognition of Registered Student Organizations shall not be construed as an agreement, support, or approval by the University, but only as acknowledgement of the rights of the organization to exist at the University, subject to the conditions enumerated herein.

Section 4: For organization events requiring insurance, it is the responsibility of the organization to secure their own policy.

Section 5: OU trademarks may not be used by Interest - RSOs. However, the Organization name may be followed with, “at The University of Oklahoma.”

Section 6: Registered Student Organizations may apply for the following benefits: (1)

Student Activity Fee Funds (SGA Funding Process)

(2) University Trademark, *at The University of Oklahoma* (Student Life / Licensing Process) (3)

Facility Use / Campus Reservations (Student Life Process)

(4) Office / Storage Space (SGA Space Allocation Process)

ARTICLE III: Purpose

Section 1: Our purpose is to provide opportunities for future engineers and scientists to gain practical experience and to present volunteer opportunities for students to better the local community. We do this

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through various volunteer activities throughout the school year including the Norman Household Hazardous Waste Way and Norman Earth Day events. We also are strong believers in embracing and enjoying what the environment has to offer. We try to plan multiple outdoor activities each year to relax in the great outdoors. These events typically include hiking, camping, and kayaking trips. We are always looking for new events and new activities to make ESSA a well respected, tight community of individuals with a common interest.

(1) The purpose and/or functions of a registered student organization must not be duplicated.

Section 2: Further, no organization may serve as an “umbrella” organization for the purposes of using University benefits including, but not limited to funding, trademarks, insurance, University discounts, reservations, etc.

ARTICLE IV: Membership

Section 1: Registered Student Organizations require at least ten active, currently-enrolled OU student members.

(1) Dually enrolled high school students are not eligible for membership.

Section 2: Membership in, association with, and benefits emanating from the Organization and its related activities shall be based upon such considerations as performance, educational achievement, and other criteria related to the goals of the Organization and purposes of the activities. Judgments in this regard based solely on an individual’s race, color, national origin, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, marital status, or political belief are not judgments based on such considerations.

Section 3: Membership is open to all OU students, regardless of major.

ARTICLE V: Officers & Advisors

Section 1: The student officer (leadership) positions of the Organization are determined by the Organization and may be listed below along with the definition of each position.

- (1) Leadership for the Organization may be elected, selected or appointed at the discretion of the Organization.
- (2) To be eligible to serve in a leadership capacity, undergraduate members must be currently enrolled full-time students during their appointment, selection or election.
- (3) To be eligible to serve in a leadership capacity, graduate members must be currently enrolled full or part-time students during their appointment or election.
- (4) An eligible/qualified member may be a candidate for more than one office/leadership position, but shall immediately remove himself or herself for consideration of any other officer/leadership position after being elected. In no instance may one person fulfill more than one officer/leadership position.

- (5) All students holding leadership positions must have the required enrollment statuses at the campus where the Organization is registered.

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Section 2: The Organization must be advised by a full-time University staff or faculty member. (Part time, PEAK, temporary and Graduate Assistant employees may not advise student organizations.)

- (1) The student organization/advisor is responsible for the Organization's financial state, conduct, risk, representation, etc.

ARTICLE VI: Additional Governing Principles

Section 1: Recognition of Registered Student Organizations shall not be construed as an agreement, support or approval by the University, but only as an acknowledgement of the rights of the organization to exist at the University, subject to the conditions enumerated herein.

- (1) Local, state, and federal laws

Section 2: Policies and procedures of the University of Oklahoma (including, but not limited to:) (1)

Alcohol Policy (including the Three Strikes Policy)

- (2) Equal Opportunity Statements, Policies and Procedures

- (3) Registered Student Organization Policy

- (4) Sexual Misconduct, Discrimination and Harassment Policy

- (5) Student Handbook Policies (including, but not limited to the Co-Curricular Involvement Policy, Facility Use Policy, Risk Management Policy, Student Activities Policy, Student Travel Policy, Tailgating Policy, Temporary Outdoor Signage Policy)

- (6) Student Rights and Responsibilities Code

Section 3: Student Government Association (SGA) Policies and Procedures (including the Student Activity Fee Funding Application Process and the Space Allocation Application Process)

Section 4: If there is a conflict between national or parent organization's rulings, constitution, or direction and the University of Oklahoma, the University of Oklahoma preempts the national or parent ruling.

Section 5: This Organization's Constitution

ARTICLE VII: Amendment Procedure

Section 1: This Constitution, excluding the provided University required articles and

guidelines, may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Organization's qualified voting membership present at a general meeting so long as those amendments do not conflict with the provided contents of this constitution.

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