**Center for Integrated Scientific and Sustainable Agriculture Group Constitution**

*Article l - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization.*

Section 1: Name: Center for Integrated Scientific and Sustainable Agriculture.

Section 2 - Purpose: CISSA’s purpose is to provide a center for scientific research, design, demonstration and deployment of sustainable and scientific agriculture.

Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy: This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

*Article II - Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership.*

Voting membership should be defined as limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students. Others such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. are encouraged to become members but as non-voting associate or honorary members.

*Article III - Organization Leadership: Titles, terms of office, type of selection, and duties of the leaders.* Organization leaders represent the Executive Committee and general membership and are elected or appointed from the ranks of the organization’s voting membership. The titles of organization leaders, the length of terms, specification as to which leaders are elected or appointed and by whom, and the general duties of each leadership position should be clearly specified. Organizations need to have the necessary leaders to conduct their activities.

*Article IV – Adviser(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria.*

Advisers of student organizations must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. Adviser’s duties and obligations are presently to assist with the establishment of a qualified and respectable student organization. Further duties and obligations are as of yet to be defined.

*Article VII – Meetings of the Organization: Required meetings and their frequency.*

Required meetings and their number are specified here. For instance, one general meeting of the membership will be required each academic term except for summer.

*Article VIII – Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements.* Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should either require a two-third or three-quarter majority of voting members (a quorum being present) or a majority or two-thirds of the entire voting membership of the organization, present or not. The constitution should not be amended easily or frequently.

*Article IX – Method of Dissolution of Organization*

Requirements and procedures for dissolution of the student organization should follow the same voting procedure described in Article VIII, Method of Amending Constitution.

**By-Laws**

By-laws are more permanent, however, than passing a general motion, which require a simple majority vote of voters present at a general meeting of the membership (a quorum being present). By-laws cannot run contrary to the constitution.

*Article 1 – Parliamentary Authority*

The rules contained in [specify the source for parliamentary practice] shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this organization.

*Article II- Membership*

Becoming a member of the group requires formal application and approval by the board.

*Article III- Election / Appointment of Government Leadership*

Election of leadership requires a balloting of all available members.

*Article IV - Adviser/Advisory Board Responsibilities*

Advisor will be responsible for helping form the organization.

*Article VII - Meeting Requirements*

Quarterly meetings are mandatory of members.

*Article VIII - Method of Amending By-Laws*

By-laws may be amended by proposing in writing and reading the change at a general meeting of the membership and then bring the proposed change up for a vote at the next general meeting with a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present (a quorum being present).

*Article IX – Establishing Bank Account*

A bank account shall be established at a local banking institution in order to facilitate monetary transactions. The bank account must have no fewer than two signatories including the President and Treasurer.