**Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics (AEDE) Graduate Student Organization at The Ohio State University**

**Constitution**

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

Section 1: *Name*

Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics

(AEDE) Graduate Student Organization at The Ohio State University.

Section 2: *Purpose*

To encourage, support, and facilitate activities organized by graduate

students in the Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics Department to improve their quality of living and learning.

Section 3: *Non-Discrimination Policy*

This organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

**Article II- Membership**

Section 1: *Member Selection*

Member selection is open to any graduate student

enrolled in the Department and the University. Voting members will be those currently enrolled in graduate studies in the AEDE Department and at The Ohio State University. Others, such as faculty, alumni, etc. are encouraged and welcome to become members but as non-voting associate or honorary members.

Section 2: *Member Removal Process*

In the event that a member is in conflict with the group, said member can be removed by all individuals voting in an anonymous and secret ballot to remove that member. If a removal vote is selected by a majority of organization members, the member in question will be removed from the group. An announcement must be made two weeks before the date of the meeting where the vote will occur. Prior to these steps a meeting with officers and the advisor is held with the member in question to see if outstanding issues can be resolved without voting said member out of the organization.

**Article III- Organization Leadership**

Section 1: *Officer Selection and Duties*

Organizations leaders represent the Executive Committee and are elected during the last week of the spring semester of each year for a period of 1 year. They will be elected by simple voting and will be elected by the members of the organization present at the time of the voting. To be considered for an office an individual must nominate him or herself. The executive committee is formed by:

President: Main leader of the organization.

Vice-President: Helps the President and the Treasurer to organize the activities of the organization.

Treasurer: Keeps track of and orders the finances of the organization and submits a report to the executive committee, and general members if requested, every quarter.

Section 2: *Officer Removal Process*

In the event that an officer is found to not be satisfactorily performing his or her duties, he or she can be removed from their officer position and the executive committee. The review process is conducted internally by members of the executive committee. If two-thirds of the executive committee deem a member is not fulfilling officer duties then the member will be removed. There will not be a reelection to replace the former committee member until the standard new officer election time.

**Article IV- Advisers**

Advisers of the organization must be full-time members of the University faculty or Administrative and Professional staff. The adviser should oversee and supervise every major activity conducted by the organization.

**Article V- Meetings of the Organization**

There will be two general meetings each semester. The meetings will be held in room 328 of the Ag. Administration Building the First and Fifth Friday of each quarter at 5pm.

**Article VI - Method of Amending the Constitution**

Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again at a the subsequent general meeting and at the general meeting in which the votes will be taken, and should require a two-third majority of voting members ( a quorum being present) or a majority of two-thirds of the entire present voting membership.

**Article VII - Method of Dissolution of Organization**

No dissolution should be take effect unless three-quarter of the members agree with it. In case of agreement the assets should cover the debts. If there are remaining assets or debts they should be divided in equal proportions among the members of the organization.