BYLAWS OF THE EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY CHAPTER OF SIGMA XI
THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SOCIETY

BYLAW I–NAME

The name of this organization is THE EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY CHAPTER OF SIGMA XI.

BYLAW II–OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Chapter are: To encourage original investigations in science, pure and applied; to maintain companionship among investigators in the various fields of science through the medium of meetings for the discussions of scientific topics; and to encourage students to pursue careers in science, engineering, and research.

BYLAW III–MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this Chapter shall be limited to: Members and Associate Members of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society.

Section 2. This Chapter, according to Article II of the National Constitution, can elect Members or: Associate Members into Sigma Xi.

Section 3. Members and Associate Members of Sigma Xi residing in the Greenville area will be invited to become members of this Chapter.

Section 4. Nominations for election to Membership or Associate Membership shall be sent to the Secretary of the Chapter who shall, in turn, deliver them to the Membership Committee of the Chapter.

BYLAW IV–OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Chapter shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2. Only Members of Sigma Xi in good standing are eligible for election to these offices.

Section 3. Elected officers shall enter upon their official duties upon their installation at the Annual Banquet each year. Upon expiration of the one-year term of the President, the President-Elect shall become President and serve for one year in that office. The President and President-Elect are each limited to one term. The Secretary and Treasurer each shall serve a two-year term, and each may be re-elected for additional terms.

Section 4. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

a. The duties of the President shall include the following: presiding over all meetings, appointing committees and committee chairs, serving as chair of the Executive Committee, and as ex-officio member of all other committees, and in general provide the leadership for all activities of the Chapter.

b. The duties of the President-Elect shall include the following: presiding over all meetings of the Chapter in the absence of or at the discretion of the President, performing such other tasks as may be appropriately assigned to him by the President.

c. The duties of the Secretary shall include the following: informing all Members of the times, places, and programs of all Chapter meetings; maintaining all records, other than fiscal, of the Chapter,
BYLAW V–STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. The standing committees of the Chapter shall be the Executive Committee and the Membership Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the Chapter, the immediate past President, and up to two members appointed from the membership by the President. The President of the Chapter shall be the chair of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee has the responsibility of assisting the President in making policy decisions and in making recommendations for the continued growth and activity of the Chapter. The Executive Committee has the responsibility of transacting minor items of business when the time and situation justifies such actions.

Section 3. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members of the Chapter chosen by secret ballot at the annual election. The duties of the Membership Committee shall be as set forth in the Manual of Procedure of the National Society and Sections 4 and 5 of Bylaw II in the Bylaws of the National Society. These duties consist of considering and voting on all nominations that have been duly received, and shall recommend to the Chapter for election/promotion those candidates for full membership or associate membership who have been approved by the Committee. The Membership Committee shall report all decisions on election/promotion of members to the President.

The Membership Committee is empowered by Bylaw II, Section 5 iii, of the National Bylaws, to elect/promote qualified individuals to membership or associate membership in the Society. In each such election/promotion a unanimous vote of the Committee shall be required. If unanimity cannot be secured, a three-fourths vote of Members is required at a Chapter meeting. Only nominees recommended by the Membership Committee may be considered at that meeting; however, that recommendation need not be unanimous.

BYLAW VI–MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be at least two regular meetings of the Chapter during an academic year. The induction meeting and the annual banquet shall be considered regular meetings.

Section 2. Additional regular meetings or special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President of the Chapter or by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

BYLAW VII–QUORUM

Section 1. Official business may be discussed at the discretion of the President of the Chapter at any regular or special meeting of the Chapter.

Section 2. A majority vote of all Members and Associate Members present shall be necessary for the passage of any business, except that affirmation, by secret ballot, of three-fourths of the Members and Associate Members voting is necessary for the election/promotion of Members and Associate Members whose nominations have been recommended by the Membership Committee.
BYLAW VIII–DUES

Section 1. Annual dues to the National Society of the Sigma Xi shall be collected by the National Society through direct contact with its Members.

Section 2. Local annual dues to be returned to the Chapter shall be collected by the National Society from each Member and Associate Member.

BYLAW IX–NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. On or before January 1, the President of the Chapter shall appoint a nominating committee composed of three active Members, none of whom are on the Executive Committee and chaired by the President-Elect, to recommend a slate of officers for the coming year. The slate shall contain at least two nominees for President-Elect, one or more nominees for Secretary, two or more nominees for Treasurer, and at least eight nominees for the Committee on Admissions. Due to the two-year terms of the secretary and the Treasurer, in some years the slate will carry no nominees for these offices.

Section 2. The nominating committee shall make its report not later than March 20.

Section 3. Election of officers shall be made by secret ballot no later than April 1. A majority vote of the Members and Associate Members present shall be necessary for election to any office, but a plurality will suffice for election to the Committee on Admissions. The President-Elect shall administer the election and count the votes. Newly elected officers shall be installed at the annual banquet at the end of the academic year.

Section 4. In the event that the presidency becomes vacant during an academic year, the President-Elect shall become the President. The Executive Committee shall then appoint a Member to assume the responsibilities of the President-Elect for the remainder of the academic year. In the event of a vacancy of both the President and the President-Elect, the Chapter shall hold a special election, coordinated by the remaining members of the Executive Committee, to fill those offices for the remainder of the academic year. These temporary arrangements shall not preclude the nomination of the temporary officers to future offices in the Chapter.

BYLAW X–AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws of the Chapter may be amended by a majority of the Members and Associate Members of the Chapter provided an amendment proposed at a regular meeting shall be studied by the Executive Committee and reported upon by this committee at the next regular meeting.

BYLAW XI–ORDER OF MEETING

Roberts Rules of Order (Newly Revised) shall apply at all meetings.

BYLAW XII–NATIONAL SOCIETY OBLIGATIONS

Section 1. The East Carolina University Sigma Xi Chapter of Greenville, North Carolina, was duly organized according to Article V of the National Society Constitution on May 2, 1974.

Section 2. The Constitution and Bylaws of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, are the basic rules and regulations under which the East Carolina University Chapter will be operated.

Section 3. The Bylaws of the East Carolina University Chapter shall in no way oppose or circumvent the National Constitution or its Bylaws

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