

CONSTITUTION OF THE VEGETARIAN STUDENT ALLIANCE

ARTICLE I

Name of Organization

The name of the organization will be Vegetarian Student Alliance.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the Vegetarian Student Alliance is above all to promote vegetarianism at the University of Tennessee and in the Knoxville area. Examples of methods of achieving this purpose include educating the student body regarding the numerous health, environmental, and ethical benefits of vegetarianism; hosting events where only vegetarian food is served; and working toward more vegetarian meal options in campus dining facilities.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Membership to the Vegetarian Student Alliance will be open to all students, and faculty/staff members where appropriate, regardless of race, gender, disability, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Officers of the Vegetarian Student Alliance must be full-time students or full-time faculty/staff members in good academic standing at the time of their election and continuing throughout their term of office. Any student who is not in good academic standing or on disciplinary probation according to the Office of Student Conduct, will be ineligible for office.

ARTICLE V

Term of Office

Officers of the Vegetarian Student Alliance are to be elected at the beginning of the Fall term of each academic year. Elections are to be held by secret ballot and a majority vote of the members is required for election. Officers elected during the Fall term will take office immediately following the election and will serve for one year up to and through the election of the following academic year. In the event an officer wishes to step down or at least one-third of the membership requests that an officer resign, a new election will be held within one month.

ARTICLE VI

Frequency of Meetings

Meetings will be held the Second and Fourth Mondays of each month during the Fall and Spring Terms.

ARTICLE VII

Financial Statement

There will be no membership dues for the Vegetarian Student Alliance. Donations of any amount will be gladly accepted at any time, and club funds may occasionally be raised by organized fund-raising events. In the event the group should dissolve at any time, all remaining monies will be donated to a charitable organization, preferably a vegetarian group, which will be determined by a majority vote of members.

ARTICLE VIII

Advisor

The Vegetarian Student Alliance will have an advisor who will be a full-time faculty or staff member at the University of Tennessee. The advisor will be elected by majority vote and must agree to serve in this capacity. The advisor will have the responsibility to verify through the Office of Student Conduct that the current officers are in good academic standing and are not on disciplinary probation. The advisor may serve in that capacity indefinitely provided no member of the group requests a reelection and at least one-third of the membership is in agreement. If the current serving advisor wishes to step down, or

one-third of the members requests a reelection, a new election will be held within one month. A majority vote and consent of the full-time faculty/staff member are required for appointment.