



# Sustainable Nanotechnology Student Organization

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## **Draft** CONSTITUTION OF SUSTAINABLE NANOTECHNOLOGY STUDENT ORGANIZATION (SNSO)

### **Introduction**

The Sustainable Nanotechnology Student Organization (SNSO) is the student body of the Sustainable Nanotechnology Organization (SNO). SNO is a non-profit, worldwide professional society comprised of individuals and institutions that are engaged in:

- Research and development of sustainable nanotechnology
- Implications of nanotechnology for Environment, Health, and Safety
- Advances in nanoscience, methods, protocols and metrology
- Education and understanding of sustainable nanotechnology
- Applications of nanotechnology for sustainability

### **Article I: Name, Purpose, and General Statements**

The name of this organization shall be “The Sustainable Nanotechnology Student Organization of XXX,” hereinafter referred to as “SNSO.” (XXX = Insert University Name)

Student chapters (SNSO Chapters) are established to promote the objectives of SNO among students.

The Governing Body of SNO will promote and help in establishing student chapters of SNSO in the United States and across the world in pursuance of its purpose of providing a professional forum for students involved in and interested in sustainable nanotechnology research, education, and practices.

SNSO chapters shall operate as a non-profit student organization pursuant to the policies of the Sustainable Nanotechnology Organization (SNO).

SNSO chapters shall work to become an officially recognized student organization by their university.

SNSO chapters shall abide by the applicable policies and procedures of the SNO.

SNSO chapters' purpose is to provide a professional forum for students to advance knowledge in all aspects of sustainable nanotechnology, including both applications and implications.

SNSO chapters will promote sustainable nanotechnology literacy and stewardship.

SNSO chapters will provide and promote opportunities for community service.

SNSO chapters will provide a forum for students to showcase their academic and research achievements in the area of sustainable nanotechnology.

SNSO chapters will facilitate networking between students at all levels (K-12, undergraduate, graduate), researchers, employers, industry, society, and teaching faculty.

SNSO chapters will provide social activities and events for the members.

SNSO chapters will present a poster of their activities at the annual SNO Conference.

## **Article II: Membership**

1. The membership of SNSO chapters shall be open to all student members of SNO and shall have voting rights. Persons who are not students but member of SNO can join and participate in SNSO activities but shall not have voting rights. SNSO chapters shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, veteran's status, or sexual orientation.

## **Article III: General Body**

1. All SNSO members will constitute the general body of a SNSO chapter.
2. The general body will elect the executive body of the SNSO chapter.

## **Article IV: Executive Body**

1. The executive body of the SSNO chapter shall be comprised of elected officers. Only currently registered students in good standing and active student member of SNO can be an officer of SNSO. The following officers shall be elected for

smooth running of SSNO activities: President; Vice-president, Secretary, and treasurer.

2. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the regular voting membership present. Elections shall take place at the end of fall semester (after the SNO Annual Conference) and officers shall serve one-year terms which shall commence spring semester. A person can be reelected for the same position for a maximum of two terms.
3. The vice-president shall assume the presidency if the president does not complete the term of office and a new vice president shall be elected in a special election. Special elections shall be held to replace other positions if needed.
4. An officer can be removed from office at any time by a petition signed by two-thirds ( $2/3$ ) of the regular voting members.
5. The SSNO may also have additional officers (to be called "Representatives", e.g., Representative for Junior Class, and so on) to ensure that each participating group (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, graduate-MS, and graduate-PhD) is represented in the executive body. However, if one of the office bearers is already representing a group then there is no need to have another representative from the same group.

#### **Article V: Committees**

The executive body may set up any standing special committees as and when needed to meet the objectives of SNSO.

#### **Article VI: Meetings and Decision Making**

1. The president will send out emails and display announcements calling a meeting of the executive body at least once every month and the general body will meet at least once every two months. The executive body meeting and general body meeting can be combined. All meetings proceedings will be open records and all general members can be in attendance in executive body meetings and may be asked voice their opinion in topics discussed or may request that they be heard by the executive body. However, the general members will not vote in an executive meeting. All members can vote in general body meetings.
2. The quorum for the executive body meetings shall be  $2/3$  of the officers. The total number of officers is not divisible by three that the decimal point will be ignored from the  $2/3$  member requirement (e.g., the executive committee has 8 members that 5 member shall be the quorum).

3. Routine business decisions shall be made by a simple majority in the executive body and general body.
4. The constitution and any ratification there of shall have to be approved by two third (2/3) members present in a general body meeting.

#### **Article VII: Wage, Salary, and Finance**

1. There will be no salary or wages to the SNSO members or officers. Expenses incurred for approved SNSO activities will be reimbursed to the concerned members.
2. SNSO members will pay SNO student membership fee plus a \$10 local chapter fee to support SNSO.
3. SNSO may decide to organize special fundraising or apply for donations and grants aimed at achieving specific objective or objectives.
4. The executive body shall authorize all expenditures and reimbursements.
5. In the event of SNSO getting dissolved, the remaining assets shall be given to either SNO or the host institution.

#### **Article VIII: Advisor**

The SNSO may have one or two advisors. An advisor must be a faculty or staff member who is a SNO member. The SNO advisor/advisors shall be selected/appointed. Advisors may serve renewable one-year terms.

#### **Article IX: By-Laws**

The by-laws shall be written for SNSO and adopted by a simple majority vote of the regular members present in the meeting.