

# **THE FLETCHER GEOLOGY CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

## **ACADIA UNIVERSITY**

### **PART I: CONSTITUTION**

#### **Article 1 – Name**

This organization shall be known as the Fletcher Geology Club.

#### **Article 2 – Objectives**

*Section 1* – The purpose of this organization is to give students who are studying Geology or doing geological work, and other interested persons, an opportunity to expand their horizons and immerse club members in geologically related activities and gain a better appreciation of Geology.

*Section 2* – To provide its members, through affiliation with the Mining Society of Nova Scotia and the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, with the means to become affiliated student members of these organizations; to obtain, at low cost, the Bulletin of the Institute; and after graduation to become Student Members of the Mining Society of Nova Scotia and Junior Members of the Institute.

#### **Article 3 – Membership**

*Section 1* – The club shall consist of Members, Paid Members, Honorary Members and Life Members.

*Section 2* – Members shall be undergraduate students and graduate students enrolled in Geology and those interested in geology.

*Section 3* – Paid Members shall be undergraduate students and graduate students who have paid their annual membership fees as discussed in Article 4, Section 1.

*Section 4* – Life Members shall be former members who have graduated.

*Section 5* – Honorary Members shall include staff members of the Department of Earth and Environmental Science, and related sciences at Acadia University and other such persons as the Executive of the Club desires to so honour. The Honorary Membership list is to be revised annually or at any time the Club deems necessary.

#### **Article 4 – Fees and Dues**

*Section 1* – The annual dues of Paid Members shall be determined by the Executive prior to the commencement of classes in September. Paid Members shall pay \$5.00 annually.

*Section 2* – The Executive may assign a fee against any class or all classes of members in addition to or in lieu of annual dues.

#### **Article 5 – Executive Officers**

*Section 1* – The executive officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Coordinator, and Fletcher Geology Club Student Representative.

*Section 2* – The Executive Officers, unless they resign, or are removed from office, shall hold office until their successors are elected.

**Section 3** – The executive officers shall be elected prior to March 1, and must conform to Student Union requirements, to hold office for the next year. Executive Officers shall not take office until April 1.

**Section 4** – Should a vacancy occur, it shall be in the power of the club Executive Officers to fill the office at the first regular meeting of the Club after the vacancy occurs.

**Section 5** – The Executive Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Club.

**Section 6** – Should a member of the Executive Committee be negligent in their duties, the Executive Committee and Honorary Faculty Members shall hold an emergency meeting to discuss and vote said person from the Executive Committee.

#### **Article 6 – Duties of Executive Officers**

**Section 1** – The President shall call and preside at all meetings of the Club, and shall enforce due observance of the Constitution, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to that office.

**Section 2** – The Vice-President shall in the absence of the President, assume the duties of that office.

**Section 3** – The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Club and conduct all correspondence.

**Section 4** – The Treasurer shall collect all monies due the Club, pay all the bills ordered to be paid when such are duly signed by the President, make a financial statement whenever called upon to do so, and at the expiration of his term of office, make a financial report upon the state of the Treasury.

**Section 5** – The Events Coordinator shall be responsible of organizing and scheduling events, and is required to promote events, and develop a good report with the students.

**Section 6** – Club Student Representative shall attend all department meetings and report the department and Fletcher Club of upcoming activities and events. The Student Representative shall also address any concerns club members have to the Fletcher Club and the Department of Earth and Environmental Science.

#### **Article 7 – Amendments**

Any change or alterations to the Constitution, or By-Laws, must be tabled during a club meeting and approval for any change must be made by a majority vote consisting of Club Members and Executive Committee.

#### **Article 8 – Conformity**

The relation of this Club to the Mining Society of Nova Scotia and the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy shall be governed at all times by the Charters and By-Laws of these organizations. If conflicts arise between the policies of these two organizations regarding affiliated student branches, the Club reserves the right to decide on a course of action.

## **PART II: BY-LAWS**

### **Article 1 – Meetings**

There shall be a meeting of the Club once every two weeks.

*Section 1* – Paid Members and Honorary Members shall be granted full voting privileges.

*Section 2* – Notice of postponement of any regular meeting shall be posted with reasons at least 24 hours before the regular time of such meeting.

### **Article 2 – Order of Business**

The following shall be the order observed in proceedings of the meetings:

1. Reading of the Minutes
2. Reports of the Committees
3. Unfinished Business
4. New Business
5. Program – if any

*Section 1* – Meetings shall be governed by the ordinary rules of procedure.

*Section 2* – If the main purpose of a particular meeting is to hear a visiting speaker, or if the meeting is to be mainly social in nature, any part or all of proceedings may be omitted on approval of the members present.

### **Article 3 – Elections**

*Section 1* – The Executive Officers of the Club shall be elected by members of the club.

*Section 2* – Nominations for any executive position may be submitted by any club member.

*Section 3* – The President nominee must be a member of the club and a student of good academic standing.

*Section 4* – The Vice-President nominee must be a member of the club.

*Section 5* – No member shall nominate more than one member for any one office or committee.

### **Article 4 – Quorum**

One third (1/3) of the members of the club, including the President or Vice-President, shall constitute a quorum.

### **Article 5 – Emblem**

There shall be a felt crest selected by the Club, which shall be called the Fletcher Geology Club Crest. Any member of the Club is eligible to wear this crest.