

**STATUTE**  
**OF STUDENT ASSOCIATION**  
**OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, WOOD SCIENCES & DESIGN**

**ARTICLE 1**

**FOUNDATION - NAME - HEADQUARTERS - SEAL OF THE SOCIETY**

A student union is founded under the name "Students' Association of the Department of Forestry, Wood Sciences and Design" of the School of Technology of the University of Thessaly and based in Karditsa.

The Association has its own seal on which the name is written.

**ARTICLE 2**

**PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Objectives of the Association are:

1. Active position towards national and international problems, political, economic, social, cultural, ecological, etc.
2. Promotion of democratic processes, transparency, creative contribution to social progress, friendship and cooperation between peoples, human dignity and defense of national independence.
3. Securing and maintaining the rights of the student community and defending its interests within the administrative bodies of the Academic community, but also outside of them, with the aim of achieving and ensuring its orderly operation.
4. Securing unhindered dialogue and Constitutional rights.
5. The promotion and resolution of student requests and interests and their vesting, so as to ensure equal opportunities for all students of the department.
6. The free circulation and formation of philosophical, social and political ideas in the student space in opposition to any attempt at ideological or political policing of students.
7. The modernization and improvement of the quality of education as well as the upgrading of the educational process.
8. Ensuring and maintaining the inalienable right to Free Public Education.
9. The securing of the self-government, autonomy and independence of the University.
10. The taking of measures to guarantee the professional rehabilitation of the graduates of the Department.
11. Considering the particularities that exist in the School of Technology, the association works to improve the logistical infrastructure and building facilities of the Department.

**ARTICLE 3**

**MEANS OF ACHIEVING THE SOCIETY'S GOALS - RESOURCES**

The goals of the Association are pursued through the following means:

1. Analyzes, lectures, seminars, publications, educational exchanges, organization of artistic and entertainment events. Creation of a library of the Department of Forestry, Wood Sciences and Design, promotion of modern technologies as well as any kind of activity with scientific, philosophical, social and cultural content. Creation of groups such as theater, journalism, sports and other groups.
2. Steps and submission of requests to the competent administrative and university authorities, coordination of action with other clubs and international organizations that have similar objectives, as well as mobilizations depending on the circumstances.
3. The constant contact of the students with the Greek and International public opinion.
4. Any other instrument proposed and voted by the General Assembly of the members of the Association.
5. The means to achieve the goals of the Association are approved by the General Assembly of the members of the Association.

In order to cover any operational needs of the Association, in case it is deemed necessary, extraordinary contributions will be made, after a decision of the Board of Directors or the General Assembly.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

##### **MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The members of the Association are divided into regular and honorary members. The number of members of the Association is determined by the number of students registered in the association registers.

All active students (undergraduate-postgraduate-doctoral) of the Department of Forestry, Wood Sciences and Design of the University of Thessaly can become regular members of the Association from the moment they register at the University. In particular, the student who accepts the statutes by registering in the club's register and fulfills his financial obligation becomes a regular member of the Association. The member must register as soon as he requests it. Members must renew their registration at the beginning of each academic term. Renewal of registration is done by simply paying the fee and is mandatory for the student to maintain membership. The proof of payment of the regular contribution is defined as an identification element. The amount of the annual contribution is determined by the General Assembly of the Department. Registration of members takes place throughout the year, except on election day.

Honorary members are declared those who offered excellent services to the Association or worked for purposes such as those of the Association, following a decision of the General Assembly. The honorary members are voted by the General Assembly with an absolute majority of the members present and after a proposal of ten members. Honorary members do not have the right to elect and be elected.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

##### **RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS**

Members have equal rights and obligations

Members have the following obligations:

1. To actively participate in the realization of the objectives of the Association.
2. To comply with the provisions of the statute and to obey the decisions of the Association's bodies.

3. To pay the regular and extraordinary contributions determined by the General Assembly.
4. Not to act individually on behalf of the Association, without the mandate from the Association.

Members have the following rights:

1. To participate, according to the statute, in decision-making.
2. To participate, according to the statute, in the bodies of the Association.
3. To enjoy equally every fruit of the Association's action.
4. To exercise every right granted to them by this statute.
5. To propose anything, they consider to contribute to the fulfillment of the objectives of the Association, with a proposal (written or oral) to the governing bodies who are obliged to respond to the proposal in writing or orally at the General Assembly.
6. They have the right to express their opinions freely inside and outside the bodies of the Association.
7. Each member has the right to elect and be elected to the Association's bodies.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **WITHDRAWAL AND DELETION OF MEMBERS**

A member leaves when he/she abandons the status of a student, upon receiving his/her degree.

A member is deleted:

1. After his application and the lapse of three months from its submission.  
For the development of activity contrary to the purposes of the Association or following a "serious" violation of the terms of the statute.
2. For non-compliance with the decisions of the Association's bodies (General Assembly, Board of Directors, etc.).

The procedure followed is as follows:

After a written complaint by at least ten members of the Association to the Board of Directors, it delivers, upon proof to the member under accusation, the accusation in writing with the invitation to apologize at the first General Meeting, the convening of which is notified in writing and which will be at least ten days away from the service of the charge. If the member under the category is absent from the General Assembly or submits his apology in writing, the matter is examined in his absence. The decision to delete is taken by a 2/3 majority and can be revoked by another General with the same majority.

If the same reasons occur to a lesser extent, after the same procedure, the penalty of temporary expulsion of up to one year is imposed, the duration of which is determined by the General Assembly. or the penalty of reprimand. The decision becomes final after its ratification by the General Assembly. and with a majority of 2/3 of the members present.

The Board of Directors is obliged to bring the issue of the imposition of a penalty to the next General Assembly. otherwise the penalty is void. In addition to deletion, other penalties are: recommendation, censure, temporary deletion.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Organs of the Association are:

1. The General Assembly of the Association.
2. The Board of Directors.
3. The Audit Committee.
4. The Year Committees.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The General Assembly is the supreme and dominant body of the Association. He decides on each of his cases and exercises supervision and control over the other bodies of the Association.

Particularly:

1. Judges the account of the outgoing Board of Directors.
2. Elects the members of the Electoral Committee.
3. Decides to delete members.
4. Decides on the approval of the budget and the balance sheet and decides on the exemption or not of the Board of Directors from any responsibility.
5. Decides on any amendment to this statute.
6. Decides on the dissolution of the Association.

General Assembly terminates the Association's bodies at any time, if there are serious reasons, and in particular due to a serious violation of their duties. The suspension is only made by a regular General Assembly where a quorum and a majority of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the members present are absolutely required.

The decisions of the General Assembly are binding for all students - members of the Association.

## **ARTICLE 9**

The General Assemblies are divided into the annual regular General Assembly, regular General Assemblies and extraordinary General Assemblies.

The annual regular General Assembly or vote tally, convened only by the Board of Directors. of the Association once, a year. The annual regular assembly, and only this one, judges the account of the outgoing bodies of the Association.

The regular General Assemblies are compulsorily convened by the Board of Directors. during the academic year, the first at the beginning of the winter semester and the second at the beginning of the spring semester. The regular General Assembly are convened with matters defined in the agenda by the Board of Directors. and the members of the Association.

The extraordinary General Assembly are convened for urgent and serious issues of the Association: a) by decision of the Board of Directors. with an increased majority, b) or with  $\frac{1}{10}$  of the members of the Association. The agenda items are strictly those mentioned in the decision of the Board of Directors. or in the application that caused the convergence of the extraordinary General Assembly. In the extraordinary General Assemblies, the procedure of tactics is followed.

The announcement on the regular General Assembly convergence is made after a decision of the Board of Directors.

The invitation to convene an extraordinary G.S. issued by the Board of Directors mandatory, in the cases provided for in article 9 in the third paragraph, at least three days before their performance. The convocation notice clearly states the place, time and reason for convening with the subjects of the General Assembly.

In the special case where the Board resigns as a body, it is obliged to convene an extraordinary General Assembly and bring the matter of his resignation to her. If for any reason the above procedure is not followed, the members of the Association have the right to convene an extraordinary General Assembly

with the sole purpose of electing a temporary governing committee and possibly calling an election.

At the General Assemblies all members of the Association have the right to participate. General Assembly's a quorum is present if at least 1/3 of the members of the Association are present. In case of lack of quorum, the General Assembly meets in the same place and with the same subjects after seven days if it is a regular one or after two days if it is an extraordinary one, in which case it is definitely considered a quorum.

A three-member committee is elected at each General Assembly which directs its work and determines the procedure to be followed when discussing the issues and making decisions.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The administration of the Association is assigned to a nine (9) member council and consists of: President, Vice President, Secretary General, Treasurer and five (5) members.

Jurisdiction of the General Secretary: The General Secretary keeps the books of: minutes of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors and the Protocol. Prepares the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors. and takes care of their ratification at the same meeting. Prepares the minutes of the General Assembly. approved by her. He holds the seal of the Association, co-signs all documents with the president, maintains the correspondence of the Association and generally conducts all clerical work. With regard to the seal of the Association, its custody is defined by the secretary.

Jurisdiction of the treasurer of the Board: The treasurer collects with duplicate receipts, which have the seal of the Association and the signature of the same, the annual and extraordinary contributions of the members and all general revenues of the Association. He makes every payment on the basis of warrants signed by the president and the general secretary and sealed with the seal of the association, after approval of the relevant expenditure by the Board of Directors. The treasurer keeps the book of finances and keeps in special folders all supporting documents payment. At the end of the year, he submits the account of the management to the audit committee (based on this, the Board prepares the annual balance sheet) and of the Association's property.

The Board of Directors keeps the following books: a) General Assembly's minutes book, b) decision protocol, c) board meeting minutes book. d) financial book. All books have certain pages and the number is marked and stamped at the beginning of each. After the end of the annual term of the Board of Directors. the approval by the ordinary General Assembly of the account, the balance sheet, and the exemption from all liability, delivers the aforementioned books, the seal and the fund to the electoral committee which keeps them under its responsibility until the election of the new Board of Directors to which it delivers them.

The election of the board of directors and the election committee is held every year on the nationally designated student election day.

The new Board of Directors is elected by primaries conducted with a single ballot, and the candidates with the most votes are elected.

The new Board of Directors meets compulsorily within 5 days of its election and elects by voting among its members, President, vice-president, general secretary and treasurer.

Then the outgoing Board of Directors is called. in order to hand over to the new board the keys, seals, file and property of the association with a handover and receipt protocol signed by both boards. The electoral material is kept in the association's offices in a special area, under the responsibility of the electoral committee and the Board of Directors. for 15 days, during which an appeal can be submitted to the competent court.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **COMPETENCES - DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors has the responsibility to promote the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly. based on the articles of association and decides on every matter that concerns the fulfillment of the purposes determined by the General Assembly within the framework of some of it. Manages the property of the Association, takes all appropriate measures to deal with and solve the various issues concerning the association. It takes care of the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly and takes care of the participation of the association in a higher and highest trade union organization after approval of the General Assembly.

Jurisdiction of the chairman of the Board of Directors: The chairman of the Board of Directors represents the association in court, out of court and before the authorities, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise. He directs the meetings of the Board of Directors. and has general supervision in all areas of activity of the Board of Directors. signs with the general secretary all general documents, payment orders as well as the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors. and of General Assembly in the event of the president's absence or disability, the vice president replaces him. If he is absent, he is replaced by the general secretary.

## **ARTICLE 12**

The Board of Directors convened each time by the President or by the 4 members with an announcement specifying the place, time and topics of the meeting. The notification to the members of the Board of Directors takes place 24 hours before each meeting of the Board of Directors. meets regularly every week and ad hoc whenever the need arises.

The decisions of the Board of Directors are taken by a simple majority, with open voting, except for personal matters for which a secret vote may be requested by 1/3 of the members present. The decisions of the Board of Directors which are taken by a simple majority of the entire number or a unanimous vote, are revised by a unanimous vote of the entire number of members of the Board of Directors.

Quorum of the Board of Directors: The Board of Directors a quorum is considered for both regular and extraordinary meetings if 5 members are present. If at the beginning of the meeting there is not a quorum of 5 members, the meeting is repeated in two days, so a quorum is present if 5 members are present again. In principle, the Board of Directors is not convened. during the summer, Christmas and Easter.

## **ARTICLE 13**

The members of the association are entitled to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors. unless the increased majority of the present members of the Board decides otherwise. The members of the association have the right to speak after the decision of the Board of Directors. adopted by a simple majority. In the event that those present disrupt the proceedings of the meeting, the Board of Directors may by decision of the simple majority of the present members of the Board of Directors. to expel them.

Member of the Board of Directors who is absent without justification in 3 regular meetings and in 7 regular non-consecutive meetings, loses his status automatically. The motion of censure which implies removal of the member of the Board of Directors. 1/10 of the club members can do it. Member of the Board of Directors submits his resignation to the Board of Directors. which is compulsorily accepted. In case of revocation, withdrawal or deletion of a member of the Board of Directors. this is completed by an alternate member. In the case of exhaustion of substitute members, the position remains vacant. If the absolute majority of the members of the Board resign. (6 people) and there are no other substitutes, then the Board of Directors is considered resigned and new elections are called.

However, in any case, the Board of Directors exercises all its duties, until it assumes the new one.

The Board of Directors is terminated before the end of his term by an extraordinary General Assembly

decision taken by an absolute majority of those present or by a word of censure. In these cases, a quorum of  $\frac{1}{2}+1$  of the regular members and a majority of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of those present is especially required

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **ELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Election Committee consists of three regular members. He is elected every year on the nationally designated day of the student elections, with the task of carrying out a financial audit of the Board of Directors. and submitting a report to each regular and extraordinary General Assembly, if deemed necessary or if requested by the General Assembly. The members of the Election Committee cannot nominate for the Board of Directors. A member or members of the Election Committee may be recalled following a reasoned proposal by members of the association, which is approved by the General Assembly.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **YEAR COMMITTEES**

Year Committees: All year committees have 3 members and have an annual term. They elect and are elected by the students of each year - members of the Association. Any member of the Association can be a candidate for his year's committee. Year committee elections are held along with student elections each year. For each first year, elections are held as soon as possible after the start of the academic year, after an assembly of the first year that will announce them or after they are appointed by the Board of Directors. The term of office of these resulting committees is until student elections, when year committee elections are held for all years.

The year committees are in contact and cooperate with the Board of Directors. to promote the requests of the year, with the aim of smoother and more complete resolution of issues concerning the Association.

The year committees have the right to convene the annual meeting. The students of the year take part in the annual meetings, except for those mentioned in article 4. In the meetings, they have the right to make decisions and put them into action, as long as they do not overturn decisions of the General Assembly. In case the Board of Directors does not agree with the year's decision, a General Assembly is convened. of the club and discusses the issue. Elections for s/e are held by single ballot.

## **ARTICLE 16**

### **AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTES**

Amendment of the articles of association is permitted by a decision of the General Assembly in which at least half of the members must be present and at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of those present must vote in favor of the amendment.

Every issue concerning the association and not provided for by the statutes is regulated by a decision of the General Assembly which is convened for this reason in accordance with the law and the relevant articles hereof and must take a decision in accordance with the spirit of the present.

For the rest, the provisions of the Civil Code and other relevant laws regarding unions apply.

## **ARTICLE 17**

### **DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The union is established for an indefinite period and is dissolved following a decision of the General Assembly taken with the presence of at least half of the members and a majority of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of those present. It also dissolves if its members are reduced to less than 10.

## **ARTICLE 18**

This statute consisting of eighteen articles, after being read article by article and in its entirety, was voted and ratified at the meeting of its founding members and signed by them in Karditsa, specifically at the department's facilities (auditorium C of the Department of Forestry, Wood Sciences and Design) where they met today, Thursday, November 11th, 2021.