BYLAWS OF THE LANDER UNIVERSITY CHAPTER OF STUDENT AFFILIATES OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I – Name

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the Lander University Chapter of Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society.

ARTICLE II – Purpose

Section 1: The purpose of this organization shall be to foster an awareness of the responsibilities and challenges of the modern chemist, to obtain experience in preparing and presenting technical material before chemical audiences, and to become aware of the current findings in chemistry through professional association.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Section 1: The membership of this organization shall be composed of Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society and Associate Members of the American Chemical Society. Students who are not American Chemical Society Student Affiliates or Associate Members may be chapter members but may neither hold office nor have voting power.

ARTICLE IV – Officers

Section 1: The officers of this chapter shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary/Treasurer, who shall constitute the Executive Committee. The officers shall be elected during the spring semester for the following academic year. Nominees shall be chosen by nominations from the floor. The officers shall take office in September and shall hold offices for one academic year or until their successors are duly elected.
Section 2: **Secretary/Treasurer:** The member elected to this office should be a non-freshman, active Student Affiliate of the American Chemical Society at the time of election.

Section 3: **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall be a rising junior working toward a bachelor’s degree in chemical science who is a currently active Student Affiliate of the American Chemical Society. The person elected shall be expected to assume the office of the President the academic year following his vice-presidency.

Section 4: **President:** The President shall be a rising senior who has served the previous academic year as the Vice-President.

Section 5: **Vacancies:** If the office of President shall become vacant, the Vice-President shall serve as President until a new President is elected. A senior working toward a bachelor’s degree in chemical science who is a currently active Student Affiliate of the American Chemical Society shall be elected. Elections for the vacancy of Secretary/Treasurer shall be as described in Article IV, Section 2. Elections for the vacancy of the Vice-President shall be as described in Article IV, Section 3.

Section 6: **Impeachment:** Any officer or advisor of the ACS Student Affiliate chapter may be impeached after just reasons having been presented and discussed before the Chapter and a two-thirds majority vote of the members on the national roster in favor of impeachment has been reached.

Section 7: **Elections:** Election of officers shall be as follows:

1.) Open nominations accepted from the floor.
2.) Names of nominees posted prior to voting.
3.) Vote by secret ballot.
4.) Votes tabulated by faculty advisor and current president.

**ARTICLE V – Duties of Officers**

Section 1: **President:**
1.) Shall preside over all stated meetings of the ACS Student Affiliate Chapter.
2.) Shall be required to attend the meetings of the presidents of all chartered organizations of Lander University.
3.) Shall create such committees as may be necessary and assign members and duties to said committees
4.) Shall be responsible for promoting enthusiasm and participation within the Chapter.
5.) Shall maintain an updated notebook containing information pertinent to Chapter activities.
6.) Shall exercise a general authority over the affairs of the Chapter.

Section 2: 

Vice-President:
1.) Shall preside over the stated meetings in the absence of the President.
2.) Shall assist the President in his duties.
3.) Shall supervise the activities of committees created by the President.

Section 3: 

Secretary/Treasurer:
1.) Shall maintain the membership roll.
2.) Shall record minutes of stated and called meetings and provide copies of said minutes to the President and Faculty Advisor.
3.) Shall be responsible for the notification of all meetings.
4.) Shall make record of the payment of fees by members.
5.) Shall maintain an updated folder of all Chapter activities.
6.) Shall assist the President and Vice-President in their duties.

ARTICLE VI – Faculty Advisor

Section 1: The faculty Advisor shall be a member of the Chemistry Faculty at Lander University and in good standing with the ACS. The position as Faculty Advisor may be rotated every two academic years.
Section 2: The duties of the Faculty Advisor shall be to advise the Chapter both in its Local activities and in its relations with the Society. The Advisor shall be kept informed of all Chapter activities and shall advise the Chapter on any policy matters. The Faculty Advisor shall also have control over the funds of the Chapter and shall receive and pay out said funds according to the wishes of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VII – Professional Advisor

Section 1: The Chapter may select as its Professional Advisor a non-faculty member of the ACS. This person shall assist the Chapter in its relations with the Local Section of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII – Meetings

Section 1: Regular meetings shall be held once a month. Notification of said meetings shall be posted one week in advance in the Science Building. Special activities/meetings may be called by the Executive Committee or Advisor.

ARTICLE IX – Dues

Section 1: The annual national dues of the Student Affiliates shall be sent individually to the Society or may be transmitted by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Chapter.

Section 2: Local fees for becoming a member shall be established by the Chapter. Exemption from payment of Local fees shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee and Advisor. Fees are non-refundable.

ARTICLE X – Annual Reports

Section 1: The Chapter shall send to the ACS Office of General Educational Activities an annual report of its activities. The report shall be submitted on the Student Affiliate Chapter annual report form sent to the Chapter in the spring. The Annual Report
shall be written by the Executive Committee and Advisor, and must be completed by the end of the spring semester that the report form is received. The Society shall be informed promptly of the results of all elections of officers and Faculty Advisors.

ARTICLE XI – Amendments

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members, on the national roster, provided that the amendment shall have been proposed at least one meeting previous to the time of voting. Such amendments shall conform to the ACS regulations established for Student Affiliate Chapters.