

The Official Constitution of
Lander University's Environmental Science Student Organization
(ESSO)

Article I – Purpose

The Driving Force behind (ESSO) is to enhance not only the member's awareness of environmental concerns, but also the entire community's awareness. In addition to increasing student participation and membership in activities to benefit the environment, and overall wellbeing of the community as a whole.

Article II – Membership

Any student or faculty of Lander University is encouraged and eligible to join this organization. One must also be aware that this organization must work as a team in order to succeed. Members will be expected to have an appreciation for the environment and all wildlife. Any behavior that suggests otherwise while (ESSO) is in the field or the eyes of the public could result in termination of one's membership.

Article III – Finances

All members will be required to pay an annual membership fee. Membership dues must be paid within two weeks of a potential member's commitment to join. (ESSO) will hold fundraisers, and accept donations to help offset costs, as it is able to do so.

Article IV – Leadership

The Organization's officers will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Faculty Advisor. The president will chair meetings, delegate responsibilities, and represent the club at university functions. The vice-president will function in the president's absence. The secretary will record minutes at meetings, and keep a

relevant copy of the list of active members. Any officer must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0. All representatives for the upcoming school year will be elected at the end of the previous school year.

Article V – Operations

Meetings will be held bi-weekly. Members will be notified by Email/ social media about meetings and functions. In the event of a vote, a simple majority rule will decide an outcome. If an issue should arise within a decision made under this ruling the Faculty Advisor can be notified for a new ruling.

Article VI – Amendments

Amendments made to the constitution will be by a 2/3 – majority vote. Advance notice will be given to members about any given quorum concerning constitutional changes. The Faculty Advisor should be aware of and given a copy of any proposed changes. In the event of a tied vote on a change, the Faculty Advisor will make the deciding vote.

Article VII – Division of Power

The Executives will keep the financial records of (ESSO) jointly, and any transaction must be endorsed by at least two of the executives or the Faculty Advisor. It will be the power and responsibility of the executives to keep a list of active members, and a record of their participation. If it becomes apparent that a member has not been actively participating as deemed appropriate by the other members, and leaders. The executives hold the right to call that member in for probation; Also if it should arise that an executive is not being active, and attending meetings regularly then by a 2/3 vote of the remaining members they too can be put on probation. The advisor will be notified of any probation and executive actions, before they are carried out. The Faculty advisor also holds the veto power and can impeach ANY executive officer if it becomes apparent they are not doing their job to the standards established by this organization.