

## **Article I - Description of KU Chem Club**

**Goal:** Our club is dedicated to dispersing chemistry education and awareness throughout the University and community.

**In the community:** Our organization's main focus is to spread awareness of chemistry and chemistry education through demonstrations and informational gatherings. We try to focus on the youth in the community because we believe that interest in the scientific field early in life could encourage more children to stay in school, pursue their dreams, and hopefully someday complete a college education. We try to do this in a fun way and put on a "show", different variations of experiments with their participation.

**At the University of Kansas:** We focus on greater learning within our organization that facilitates a student-faculty relationship. Opportunities for greater learning include but not limited to: attending and hosting local and national lecturers to discuss the latest in chemistry research, tours, presentations, demonstrations, etc. Our members are encouraged to be involved in independent research with individual faculty to ensure a strong scientific and investigative understanding. Post-baccalaureate work is another main focus of our organization, with to help every member achieve their professional goals. This is achieved through meetings with an emphasis on discussing with postgraduate students possible career paths and ways of reaching those goals.

**Section 1** - The University of Kansas Chemistry Club is to function as an educational and professional organization for students.

**Section 2** - The organization's activities shall promote high academic achievement, scholarly research, dissemination of knowledge and service to the university community.

## **Article II – Membership: Two Divisions Chemistry Club Member and American Chemical Society affiliate**

**Section 1** - Active members obtain membership through general interest, commitment to meetings and activities. In addition, a \$15 yearly fee that will supplement club activities and the member will receive a club t-shirt.

**Section 2** – In addition to being an active member students have the option of becoming an American Chemical Society student affiliate. This additional membership will be a \$30 fee as required by the American Chemical Organization that entitles membership to the following:

- a.) A subscription to *Chemical and Engineering News*, includes 51 issues per year.
- b.) Member discounts and access to more than 30 other publications, including vital information resources like *Chemical Abstract Service*
- c.) Get access to the ACS student member's benefits.
- d.) Networking opportunities with the best and brightest, member only privileges at ACS meetings, conferences and activities year-round.
- e.) Continuing education courses, conferences and symposia.

- f.) Career-building resources including access to online employment listings at [cen-chemjobs.org](http://cen-chemjobs.org) plus salary surveys, career counseling, resume reviews, workshops, on-site interviews at ACS meetings and more.
- g.) Personal benefits including affordable group insurance plans that stay with you even if you change jobs. ACS credit cards and additional rewards, discounts and programs.

**Section 3-** Membership responsibilities include members to attend at least three semester meetings along with the minimum requirement of volunteering with at least one chemistry club show, demonstration or fundraiser per semester. Attendance of all members to events and projects of the organization is strongly recommended. Membership also includes the right to vote at meetings on pertinent issues of the club, including yearly officer elections.

**Section 4-** In order to run for President or Vice President positions, the member must have held previous office in the Chemistry Club or been an active member for one semester prior to running.

### **Article III- Administration of University of Kansas**

**Section 1** - The organization will be governed by the President, the Vice President and a cabinet of officers, including a Treasurer, a Secretary and Faculty advisors. In addition they shall contribute to member recruitment, the organizations log book including photographs and taped performances, commitment to improvement, promotion and implementation of all shows and demonstrations, organization and advertisement of meetings, tours and activities, etc.

Responsibilities of Officers: All are required to be first and foremost students at the University of Kansas and ACS student affiliates.

a) **President:** The President shall preside over all meetings and official business of the organization. The president will contribute to all programming and activity of the organization including website updates and responses. The president will act as the official representative of the organization to the media, university officials and American Chemical Society

b) **Vice President:** The Vice President shall assist the President in all duties and preside when the President is not in attendance. The term of the Vice Presidency will be in conjunction with that of the President and last for the term of one year from the time of election.

c) **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be responsible for the management of all funds (dues and donations) of the organization. The Treasurer shall serve as the representative of the organization in all matters pertaining to its finances.

d) **Secretary:** The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the business discussed at meetings of the organization and posting these minutes in a place accessible by members to view. As well, he/she will make these minutes available in a prompt manner on the website, faculty advisors and the ACS when pertaining. He/She will serve as the organization's liaison to the Center for Community Outreach and will represent the organization at any outside service events.

e) **Faculty Advisor:** The faculty advisor shall assist and advise the organization and especially its officers in carrying out the programs and aid in developing new policies and programs that contribute to its local effectiveness.

**Section 2** - Any officer may be removed from office by a 2/3 silent vote from the remaining executive members resulting from neglected duties and obligations of one's position.

a.) Any officer removed from their position or that resigns due to various reasons will be promptly replaced by an immediate general election.

**Section 3** - Officers are responsible for submitting reports that are requested by the national and district officers. The faculty advisor shall review such reports for accuracy prior to submission.

## **Article IV- Election and Commitment of Officers**

**Section 1** - Elections will be held once per year in the month of March. Newly elected officers will be formally installed by means of a retreat that will transition new officers into their respective positions.

All offices will be open to all regular members by means of a general ballot election.

## **Article V - Amendments to By-laws**

**Section 1** - Amendments to the by-laws can be proposed by any member of the organization. Passage of an amendment will require the agreement of 2/3 of the membership.