CONSTITUTION OF THE
WAR EAGLE GIRLS AND PLAINSMEN

Article I:  Purpose

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen.

Section 2: As official hostesses and hosts of Auburn University, it shall be the purpose of the War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen to provide services to, and to promote pride in the university, its students and its organizations.

Section 3: Furthermore, the War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen shall work in harmony with the President of Auburn University, staff, faculty, students, Auburn Alumni and the Auburn Community.

Article II:  Membership

Section 1: This organization shall be composed of 13 War Eagle Girls and 13 Plainsmen. These students will be selected annually during Spring Semester. Miss Auburn will be the thirteenth War Eagle Girl with all the rights, privileges, and obligations thereof.

Section 2: All War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen must be undergraduate students of good standing at Auburn University, in terms of academic performance, academic integrity, and personal conduct.

Section 3: All War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen must have and maintain an overall 2.50 grade point average, beginning with the 2017-2018 member selections of the War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen.

Section 4: Candidates for the War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen must be undergraduate students and must have been an enrolled student at Auburn University, (Auburn, AL) for three semesters (excluding summer term), including the semester of selection. A freshman who has attended summer school and who will be classified as a sophomore spring semester is not eligible.
Section 5: All War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen must be an enrolled student at Auburn University, (Auburn, AL) and be able to represent Auburn University in a credible manner through the Spring Semester following selection (one full year).

Section 6: Cheerleaders, Majorettes, Tiger Paws, Marching Band members, AUBIE and Tigerettes and Tiger Hosts are not eligible for membership due to conflict of duties.

Article III: Member Selection

Section 1: Prospective members of the group need not be nominated by any organization or club. Each may participate in the selection process of his or her own volition.

Section 2: Selections shall be held during Spring Semester at a place, time, and date specified by the War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen officers. Members will be selected through the two-stage interview process described below.

Section 3: An Initial Selection Committee shall narrow the number of nominated candidates to 25 for War Eagle Girls and 25 for Plainsmen. The initial selection committee shall be composed of the following:

*two students: the incoming President of War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen and the next highest officer of the opposite sex
*three other representatives of the university and community.

Section 4: A Final Selection Committee shall determine members within the constraints of Section 5 below. The Final Selection Committee shall be composed of the following:
*immediate past President of War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen
*the Faculty Advisor(s) or his/her representative
*two or three other representatives of the University and the Auburn Community, preferably from those areas of the university that are served by War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen such as the President’s office, the Athletic Department, and the Alumni Association.

Section 5: In determining new members, the Final Selection Committee will make sure there are at least four members who are capable of serving two years selected as War Eagle Girls, and at least four members who are capable of serving two years selected as Plainsmen.

Section 6: All members eligible for a second term, excluding newly elected officers, must re-interview and are not to receive any favoritism in the interview process.

Section 7: Membership is restricted to regularly enrolled Auburn University students, as described herein. No university student may be denied membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, color, age, disability, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or veteran status as outlined in the Auburn University Policy Regarding Prohibited Harassment of Students.

Article IV: Officer Selection

Section 1: The President, Vice President of Athletics, Vice President of Alumni, and Vice President of Operations shall be elected by a majority vote of the organization.

Section 2: Officer elections will be the third week of Spring Semester, but the new officers will not officially take office until the last meeting before Spring Break.

Section 3: One year’s experience is required for these four offices.
Section 4: The officers shall work cooperatively with the advisors to handle the organization’s financial expenditures and to aid the President, or his or her designee in preparation of a yearly financial budget.

Section 5: No officer of the group may also serve as SGA President or Miss Auburn.

**Article V: Duties and Responsibilities of Officers**

Section 1: It shall be the duty of the President to take full responsibility for the group at all functions.

Section 2: The officers, and specifically the Vice President of Athletics, shall work cooperatively with the Advisor and SGA Director of Traditions (or applicable position), and in the activities of the War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen.

Section 3: It shall be the sole duty of the President to designate the time and place of all members’ meetings and to notify them.

Section 4: The officers shall comply with all responsibilities defined for War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen.

**Article VI: Duties and Responsibilities of Members**

Section 1: This organization is a special activities group which will act as a free agent in conjunction with all campus-wide organizations and function at the discretion of its officers.

Section 2: The group shall assist at University-sponsored events and receptions.

Section 3: The group shall assist student organizations, as appropriate.

Section 4: The group shall support the Athletics Department’s programs during Fall and Spring Semesters.

Section 5: All members are responsible to their advisor and the University.
Section 6: All members shall work cooperatively with the officers of the organization.

Section 7: Any conduct unbecoming of a War Eagle Girl or Plainsman, upon (i) a meeting with the offending member to allow the member to explain his or her actions; and (ii) a unanimous decision by the President, Vice President of Alumni, Vice President of Athletics, and the Vice President of Operations, shall result in disciplinary action or dismissal from the group.

Section 8: All members will be expected to have clean, neat appearance when in uniform.

Section 9: Clothing

*Uniforms shall be identical for War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen, respectively.
*These uniforms shall be worn to every event in which the members participate.
*The assigned, official nametag will be worn on the right lapel while working.
*The AU pin will be worn on the left lapel while working.
*No alcoholic beverages will be consumed at any time while in uniform, or while representing the War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen and Auburn University.
*Any member attending a sponsored event such as an away football game must be dressed in uniform during the event.
*The Plainsman jacket will not be removed. It will be worn when active in the capacity of official host and hostess, while in public or when at football games. Classes are exceptions.
*In the event that the group elects to wear uniforms other than the traditional War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen uniforms, the Officers shall set common standards for the men and women wearing such uniforms.
*Failure to have all uniform pieces at the beginning of any assignment or event will constitute ½ of an unexcused absence. All decisions as to whether a member’s uniform is not complete under this provision shall be made by the Officers by majority
vote at the first available meeting following the offending assignment or event.

Section 10: A person may only serve as a War Eagle Girl or Plainsman for two years.

Section 11: The group shall neither nominate nor support a candidate for Miss Auburn or Miss Homecoming.

Section 12: The group shall support the Alumni Association in its various activities.

Section 13: Arriving late at any function is unacceptable. If a member is not on time for an assignment, then the member will be charged with a late arrival that will be treated as described in Article VII, Section 9. If a member is less than fifteen minutes late for an assignment, this constitutes one half (1/2) of an unexcused absence as described in Article VII, Section 9. If a member is more than fifteen minutes late for an assignment, this constitutes a full unexcused absence as described in Article VII, Section 9. Each member is individually responsible for not being late.

Section 14: Each new member of the group is required to give a walking tour of the campus to one of the four officers or their designee before the spring semester has concluded.

Section 15: Each member of the group shall refrain from utilizing any social media outlet in a manner which is damaging to the goodwill or reputation of the group; that displays the member in a social situation which is not consistent with the highest ideals of the Auburn Creed; that might lead others to believe that the group is endorsing a candidate for office or a particular cause other than Auburn University (such as wearing one’s uniform in association with a political campaign); or that might be perceived as discriminating against any person or group in a manner unbecoming of the War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen as ambassadors for Auburn University.

Section 16: Each member shall be expected to work as many events as possible during the year, keeping in mind that service to Auburn
through the War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen is a great honor and privilege. Understanding that some members may have academic and personal commitments during the summer which may force them to be out of Auburn, remaining members are encouraged to live in or near Auburn during the summer and to volunteer and complete as many events during the summer as they are able.

**Article VII: Attendance**

**Mandatory Events**

Section 1: All members must attend all mandatory events. Mandatory events include all weekly meetings, all home football games, senior speeches, the retreat and any event designated as mandatory by unanimous consent of the officers.

Section 2: A member should contact the Vice President of Operations prior to a meeting or event if the member knows he/she will be absent.

Section 3: All absence excuses will be reviewed by the Attendance Committee, whose decision will be reported to the person concerned. The Attendance Committee will consist of the President, the Vice President of Operations, and a member having served at least one year. The non-officer member shall be appointed by the President.

Section 4: The excuse must be valid, as determined by the Attendance Committee. A valid excused absence shall include a written note from a doctor documenting an illness, an admission test or interview for post-secondary graduate school, an interview for a job following graduation, or any other University excuse, as defined in Auburn University student policy. The Attendance Committee may also excuse a non-officer member of the group from weekly meetings in the event of an unavoidable academic commitment (the “Academic Conflict”). The following are qualifications for an unavoidable Academic Conflict:
a. The Academic Conflict is decidedly academic in nature and not extracurricular.
b. The Academic Conflict was unknown upon application to the group.
c. The Academic Conflict is necessary for the timely graduation of the member.
d. The Academic Conflict prevents the member from missing meetings for no longer than one semester.
e. The Academic Conflict will not conflict with the member’s ability to perform other responsibilities, including, but not limited to, home football games, retreat, senior speeches, and any other event deemed mandatory.
f. The member must submit signed notification from the professor or academic supervisor, which verifies that the Academic Conflict meets qualification (c) above.

Section 5: If the member is excused due to an unavoidable Academic Conflict the member forfeits any remaining unexcused absences he or she has not used for the remainder of the year.

Voluntary Attendance

Section 6: Anyone who volunteers for any activity shall be held responsible for his/her attendance at that event.

Section 7: Should any person volunteer to perform a task, he or she will be held responsible for the completion of that task, and failure to do so will constitute the incident being brought before the Attendance Committee.

Section 8: If a member is to be absent from a voluntary event, he or she shall be responsible for getting another member to work in his or her place. The Vice President of Operations must be notified of this change.

Disciplinary Action

Section 9: Two unexcused absences are allowed during the year. If any member exceeds two unexcused absences, the member shall be dismissed from the War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen.
Section 10: Absence from any home football game will count as two unexcused absences.

Section 11: Roll call of meetings or events will be taken promptly at the time designated by the Vice President of Operations.

Self Evaluation

Section 12: Should for any reason a member of the group believe that he or she has not been able, or will not be able, to fulfill his or her responsibility or duties to the group, then that person shall state to the group his or her personal desire to resign. This resignation shall be regarded as a voluntary resignation of honor and truth to War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen.

Article VIII: Advisor

Section 1: The War Eagle Girls and Plainsmen will elect an advisor for the group.

Section 2: The Advisor must be a current or retired faculty/staff member of the University.

Section 3: The Advisor should serve as an advisor for the group and work with the officers of the group. The Advisor will also act as a central location for mail and other organizations to relay a need for the services of the group.

Section 4: The group may select a new Advisor at any time. If the group considers a change in advisors, the old (current) Advisor should not attend the meeting where selection is considered.
Article IX: Amendments

Section 1: Amendments to the Constitution may be made by a three-quarter affirmative vote of the total membership.

Section 2: Amendments must be submitted in writing at least one week prior to taking a vote on the amendment.

Section 3: Under no circumstances can the membership elect to suspend any section of this constitution.

Approved By Affirmative Vote of the Membership – January 28, 2020