Organizational Name
This organization shall be known as the University of Texas at Arlington Student Branch of the American Society for Microbiology.

Organization Goals
The purpose of this organization shall be; (1) promote student interest and further improve the quality of the Microbiology program at the University of Texas at Arlington; (2) promote high school student interest in microbiology and their attendance at the University of Texas at Arlington; (3) provide aid for students in Microbiology at the University of Texas at Arlington with respect to academic curriculum, research, employment, and (4) promote student participation in local, state and national ASM meetings.

Membership
The membership of the organization shall consist of the following categories:
All active students (undergraduate and graduate) who have paid chapter and state dues and who are in good standing with the Texas Branch of the American Society for Microbiology; and Associate members, faculty members in good standing with the Texas Branch of the American Society for Microbiology.

Officers
The officers of the chapter shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Relations.

The executive committee shall be composed of the elected officers and a faculty member represented by the organization’s university faculty sponsor.

All officers shall be elected annually at the second general meeting in April by a simple majority on a secret ballot.

The newly elected officers will serve one year terms and will begin these terms at the first general meeting in the fall semester.
The above officers may be elected for a total of two consecutive terms, after which they shall become ineligible for re-election to the same office for a period of one year following termination of their service in the particular office. However, they may be elected to a new office immediately subsequent to termination of a former office.

The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

- **President** - The presiding officer during each meeting of the chapter. The major officer who holds ultimate approval powers of all Executive Committee decisions, but can be overruled by a three-fourths majority vote of committee members. The president also performs those duties normal to the president.
- **Vice-President** - The Vice-President shall be the presiding officer in the absence of the President, in addition to performing those duties delegated by the president.
- **Secretary** - Maintains written record of all chapter meetings and activities as well as handling the correspondence of the organization.
- **Treasurer** - Controls all of the chapter funds and maintains the organization budget, being responsible directly to the executive committee.
- **Public Relations** - Keep the members of the organization informed of upcoming events through the designing and placement of posters and flyers.

In the event of any vacancy of any of the above officers, a replacement shall be appointed by the president, subject to Executive Committee approval. In the event of the President’s resignation, the vice president shall succeed to the presidency and appoint a replacement for the vacated office.

A provision for impeachment and removal from office shall be provided to be used against any officer guilty of academic deficiency or repeated absence from regular and/or Executive meetings. A petition with one third of the memberships signatures as well as justifiable cause must be presented at a regular meeting.

**ARTICLE V**

Meetings
Meetings will be held every other Monday or Wednesday with the day to be determined at the beginning of each semester.

**ARTICLE VI**

Rules of Order
The chapters business shall be conducted in a professional manner in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order.

**ARTICLE VII**

Amendments
Any motion to amend or repeal any part of this constitution must be presented in writing to each officer and member and discussion therein at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting in which a vote will be taken.
ARTICLE VIII
By-Laws
Dues- Dues factive and associate members, payable by the second fall meeting shall be twelve dollars per year which shall include one dollar for each student member to be sent to the Texas Branch of the ASM as annual membership dues to said branch. Failure to pay dues within a reasonable length of time shall terminate ones membership in the chapter.

Committees- The following standing committees shall exist and the chairman of each shall be: Program committee-President, Publicity Committee-Public Relations Officer and Membership Committee-Vice-president.

Special Committees- The president shall have the authority to appoint special committees to deal with matters pertaining to operation and activity to the chapter.

Business Meetings- At the business session of each meeting, the order of business subject to revision by the executive committee shall be:

- Call to order
- Reading of minutes of previous meeting
- Treasurer’s report
- Report of executive committee
- Report of Special Committee
- Miscellaneous business
- New business
- Announcements
- Adjournments