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TO: LOCAL FFA PRESIDENTS

FROM: Sammy Peebles, State FFA President

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to FFA Constitution

In view of the fact that several amendments to the National Constitution of the Future Farmers of America were passed last October, it is now necessary that we amend the Alabama FFA Constitution to conform with it. We are proposing the following amendments to the Constitution:

Page 1 - ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

SECTION B. Active chapters of the Future Farmers of America for students enrolled in schools of less than college grade shall be chartered only in such schools where recognized systematic instruction in vocational agriculture of the all-day or day-unit type is offered under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Active chapters of the Future Farmers of America for students enrolled in Public Secondary school programs shall be chartered only in such schools where recognized systematic instruction in vocational agriculture is offered under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts.

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SECTION C. Paragraph 1. Collegiate chapters, designed primarily for training prospective teachers of vocational agriculture in their duties as local advisors of the FFA, may be established only in institutions for the training of teachers of vocational agriculture officially recognized in State plans for vocational education approved by the Office of Education, Federal Security Agency.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Collegiate chapters, designed primarily for training prospective teachers of vocational agriculture in their

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duties as local advisors of the FFA, may be established only in institutions for the training of teachers of vocational agriculture officially recognized in State plans for vocational education approved by the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Paragraph 3. Each collegiate chapter shall submit to the State Advisor an annual report covering program of work and achievements for the current school year.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Each collegiate chapter shall submit to the State Advisor an annual report covering program of activities and achievements for the current school year and such other reports as he may request.

Paragraph 5. The work of collegiate chapters shall be carried on with the regular equipment and paraphernalia of the Future Farmers of America except that members of collegiate chapters who were not FFA members in high school shall not be entitled to wear the regular insignia of the Future Farmers of America.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

The work of collegiate chapters shall be carried on with the regular equipment and paraphernalia of the Future Farmers of America.

Page 3 - ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A. Membership in this organization shall be of four kinds: (1) Active; (2) Associate; (3) Collegiate; and (4) Honorary.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Membership in this organization shall be of four kinds: (1) Active; (2) Alumni (deletes Associate); (3) Collegiate; and (4) Honorary.

SECTION B. Active Membership. Any male student who is regularly enrolled in an all-day or day-unit class in vocational agriculture is entitled to become an active member of any chartered FFA chapter upon receiving a majority vote of the chapter membership at any local chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership continuously throughout his entire high school career and for three years after the first National Convention following graduation from high school, or leaving high school, or until he becomes 21 years of age, whichever length of time is greater. No individual, however, may retain his active membership beyond his 25th birthday. (Statement in National Constitution regarding members inducted into the Armed Forces applies).
PROPOSED CHANGE:

Active Membership. Any student who is regularly enrolled in an all-day or day-unit class in vocational agriculture is entitled to become an active member of any chartered FFA chapter upon receiving a majority vote of the chapter membership at any local chapter meeting. A member may retain their active membership continuously throughout their entire high school career and for three years after the first National Convention following graduation from high school, or leaving high school, or until they become 21 years of age, whichever length of time is greater. No individual, however, may retain their active membership beyond their 25th birthday. (Statement in National Constitution regarding members inducted into the Armed Forces applies.)

SECTION C. Associate Membership. Following the termination of active membership status, a member automatically becomes an associate member.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Alumni Membership. (deletes "Associate") Following the termination of active membership status, a member automatically becomes an alumni member.

Page 3 - ARTICLE V. Active Membership Degrees and Privileges

SECTION B. Green Hand Degree.

1. Be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class and have satisfactory and acceptable plans for a program of supervised farming.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

1. Be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class and have satisfactory and acceptable plans for a program of supervised farming and/or other agricultural occupational experience.

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SECTION C. Chapter Farmer Degree.

Number 2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least one year of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an improved supervised farming program, and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Must have satisfactorily completed at least one year of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an improved supervised farming and/or other agricultural occupational experience program and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class.

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Number 7. Must have earned by his own efforts from his supervised farming program and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least $50.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Number 7. Must have earned at least $50 by their own efforts from supervised farming and/or other agricultural occupational experience program and have it productively invested or deposited in a bank.

SECTION D. State Farmer Degree.

Number 2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least two years of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming, and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class or have completed all the vocational agriculture offered in the school last attended.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Number 2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least two years of instruction in vocational agriculture, have in operation an outstanding supervised farming and/or other agricultural occupational experience program, and be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class, or, if out of high school, have satisfactorily completed at least three years of instruction in vocational agriculture or all of the vocational agriculture offered in the school last attended.

Number 6. Must have earned by his own efforts from farming or other agricultural work and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least $500 (at least two-thirds of the amount must be derived from his supervised farming program).

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Number 6. Must have earned at least $500 from their own efforts from supervised farming and/or other agricultural occupational experience program and have it productively invested or deposited in a bank.

SECTION E. American Farmer Degree.

Number 2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least three years of instruction in vocational agriculture, or have completed all of the vocational agriculture offered in the school last attended, have been out of high school for at least 12 months prior to the convention at which the degree is granted, and have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming. Productive projects must show comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in scope with records to substantiate such accomplishments.
PROPOSED CHANGE:

Number 2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least three years of instruction in vocational agriculture, or have completed all of the vocational agriculture offered in the school last attended, have been out of high school for at least 12 months prior to the convention at which the degree is granted, and have in operation an outstanding supervised farming and/or other agricultural occupational experience program, which must show comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in scope with records to substantiate such accomplishments.

Number 3. During the period covered by his application, the candidate must have earned by his own efforts from farming and other agricultural work and have deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least $1,000, provided that at least two-thirds of the amount is derived from his supervised farming program. In the cases where the applicant has assisted in the support of dependents, the amount so expended, in the judgement of the National Board of Student Officers, may be considered as an investment.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Number 3. During the period covered by their application, the candidates must have earned at least $1,000 by their own efforts from supervised farming and/or other agricultural occupational experience program, and have it productively invested or deposited in a bank.

It will be necessary for your delegates to the State Convention in June to be familiar with these amendments and to be able to vote on them according to the wishes of your chapter. We suggest that you and your officers discuss these thoroughly with your chapter to make sure they understand them. It will also be very necessary for any officer candidate to be familiar with this procedure when they come to the State Convention.