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15 February 2017

Department of State **Division of Corporations** P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee FL 32314

Subject:

# THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA CHAPTER OF SIGMA XI, INC.

Enclosed are an original and 2 copies of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for \$87.50

From:

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Respectfully submitted,

George H. Edwards

Incorporator



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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

# THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA CHAPTER OF SIGMA XI, INC.

in compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes

A Not-For-Profit Corporation

The initial Directors listed in Article V of these Articles of Incorporation, being natural United States of America persons competent to contract, do hereby, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

# **ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA CHAPTER OF SIGMA XI, INC. (the "Corporation"), a Florida not-for-profit corporation

## ARTICLE II

#### PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The Corporation shall maintain an office in a place determined by the Executive Committee. The initial principal office of the Corporation shall be 3888 NW 25<sup>th</sup> Circle, Gainesville FL 32606.

### ARTICLE III

#### PURPOSE AND TERMS OF EXISTENCE

#### **PURPOSE**

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are as follows:

- 1. To operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).
- 2. To advance the policies and goals of the Society of the Sigma Xi by encouraging original investigation in science, pure and applied, to protect and advance the professional status and interests of all members, to facilitate the dissemination of information on scientific research principles and practices, and to inform the public of advances in scientific research.
- 3. To conduct programs and activities; raise funds; request and receive grants, gifts, and bequests of money; acquire, receive, hold, invest, and administer, in its own name, securities, funds, objects of value, or other property, real or personal; and make expenditures to or for the direct or indirect benefit of the Corporation.
- 4. To receive and hold by gift, bequest or purchase any real or personal property and to manage, invest and reinvest the same and to use and dispose of the same for scientific, educational and charitable purposes, all for the advancement of science and of the Corporation and its objectives, and the encouragement and subsidizing of its established goals and objectives; to hold, either absolutely or in trust for any of said purposes, funds and property of all kinds subject only to any limitations or conditions imposed by law or the instrument under which said property is received; to sell, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of any such property, and to invest and reinvest the same or any proceeds thereof, and to deal with and expend the principal and income for any of said purposes; to act as trustee; and, in general, to exercise any, all, and every power, including trust powers, which a corporation, not for profit, organized under the laws of the State of Florida for the foregoing purposes, can be authorized to exercise.

#### TERMS OF EXISTENCE

The date and time of the commencement of the corporate existence of the Corporation shall be as the time of the filing of the Articles of Incorporation by the Florida Department of State for the State, and this Corporation shall exist in perpetuity, unless dissolved by the affirmative vote of the majority of the members voting, or by operation of law. Upon dissolution and upon payment or adequate discharge of all liabilities and obligations, the assets of this Corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or shall be distributed to a State or the Federal government for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

# **ARTICLE IV**

#### MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Corporation shall be governed by a board of directors called The Executive Council, consisting of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Past President, and up to six others, who shall be the Directors. These Directors shall be elected by the membership annually, as provided in the By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE V**

#### INITIAL DIRECTORS

The initial Directors of the Corporation are:

George H. Edwards, CPG, President 3888 NW 25<sup>th</sup> Circle Gainesville FL 32606

James Weichold, Vice President Professor of Space Science Santa Fe College Gainesville, FL

Margaret U. Fields, PhD, Secretary College of Liberals Arts and Sciences Turlington Hall University of Florida Gainesville FL

Robert DeSerio PhD, Treasurer Director, Instructional Labs Department of Physics University of Florida, Gainesville FL

The above named persons shall serve until the first election.

# **ARTICLE VI**

#### INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered agent of the Corporation shall be George H. Edwards, 3888 NW 25<sup>th</sup> Circle, Gainesville FL 32606.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

George H. Edwards

Date

**ARTICLE VII** 

**INCORPORATOR** 

The name and address of the incorporator is:

George H. Edwards

3888 NW 25th Circle

Gainesville FL 32606

George H. Edwards

Date

14 Feb 2017

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