# NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

#### Prepared by:

**GATFACS Board of Directors** 

## To the members of the Georgia Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences:

Pursuant to Article XIV of the bylaws of this association, you are hereby notified that the following resolution to amend the existing bylaws will be considered at the next annual meeting, to wit:

# AMENDMENT #1:

ARTICLE VII – Board of Directors To Amend Article VI, by adding "Executive Director of Georgia FCCLA"

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
The Board of Directors shall be	The Board of Directors shall be	The Board of Directors shall be
composed of the president, president-	composed of the president, president-	composed of the president, president-
elect, immediate past president,	elect, immediate past president,	elect, immediate past president,
secretary, treasurer, the GACTE vice	secretary, treasurer, the GACTE vice	secretary, treasurer, the GACTE vice
president, and the vice presidents	president, and the vice presidents	president, and the vice presidents
representing the regions. The program	representing the regions. The program	representing the regions. The program
specialist for Family and Consumer	specialist for Family and Consumer	specialist for Family and Consumer
Sciences Programs will serve as an ex-	Sciences Programs and Executive	Sciences Programs and Executive
officio non-voting member of the Board.	Director for Georgia FCCLA will serve as	Director for Georgia FCCLA will serve as
	an ex-officio non-voting member of the	an ex-officio non-voting member of the
	Board.	Board.

**Rationale:** Consistency with the GATFACS Policies and Procedures Manual and Article IV, Section 2 – Executive Committee of the GATFACS Bylaws. Both areas include the Executive Director of Georgia FCCLA as a member of the Board and an ex officio non-voting member.

## AMENDMENT #2:

ARTICLE VII – Board of Directors To Amend Article VI, by adding a statement for Emergency Authorization

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
No current wording	C. The Executive Committee shall be	C. The Executive Committee shall be
	authorized to temporarily suspend any	authorized to temporarily suspend any
	bylaws for the purpose of carrying on	bylaws for the purpose of carrying on
	the business of the organization during	the business of the organization during
	an emergency situation.	an emergency situation.

**Rationale:** The Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education (GACTE) has included this statement in their bylaws and GATFACS bylaws should be consistent with Georgia ACTE. This would also provide decision-making capabilities for our Executive Committee during times of emergency like COVID-19 pandemic.

# AMENDMENT #3:

ARTICLE VII – Board of Directors, Section 3 – Advisory Committee

To Amend Article VII, Section 3 by removing "Program Specialist" and "determined by the Board of Directors" and adding "Executive Board. This Advisory Board will include representatives from"

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
A. There shall be an Advisory	A. "There shall be an Advisory	A. There shall be an Advisory
Committee composed of	Committee composed of	Committee composed of
representatives from the Family and	representatives from the Family and	representatives from the Family and
Consumer Sciences Programs	Consumer Sciences Programs	Consumer Sciences Programs
established by the Program Specialist,	established by the Program Specialist	established by the Executive Board.
the Technical College System of	Executive Board. The Advisory Board	This Advisory Board will include
Georgia, the University System of	will include representatives from the	representatives from the Technical
Georgia and business and industry	Technical College System of Georgia,	College System of Georgia, the
related to Family and Consumer	the University System of Georgia and	University System of Georgia and
Sciences Programs to be determined by	business and industry related to Family	business and industry related to Family
the Board of Directors. These members	and Consumer Sciences Programs to be	and Consumer Sciences Programs.
will serve in a nonvoting capacity.	determined by the Board of Directors.	These members will serve in a
	These members will serve in a	nonvoting capacity.
	nonvoting capacity."	

**Rationale:** Removal of the responsibilities of the Program Specialist and direct the responsibilities of the Advisory Committee on the Executive Board. Remove the redundancy of the establishment/determination of the Advisory Board members. Clearly recognize what representation will serve on the Advisory Board.

# AMENDMENT #4:

ARTICLE VIII – Executive Committee To Amend Article VIII, by adding "Executive Director of Georgia FCCLA"

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
The Executive Committee shall be	The Executive Committee shall be	The Executive Committee shall be
composed of the president, president-	composed of the president, president-	composed of the president, president-
elect, immediate past president,	elect, immediate past president,	elect, immediate past president,
secretary and treasurer. The Program	secretary and treasurer. The Program	secretary and treasurer. The Program
Specialist for Family and Consumer	Specialist for Family and Consumer	Specialist for Family and Consumer
Sciences Programs will serve as an ex-	Sciences Programs and Executive	Sciences Programs and Executive
officio non-voting member.	Director for Georgia FCCLA will serve as	Director for Georgia FCCLA will serve as
	an ex-officio non-voting member.	an ex-officio non-voting member.

**Rationale:** Consistency with the GATFACS Policies and Procedures Manual and Article IV, Section 2 – Executive Committee of the GATFACS Bylaws. Both areas include the Executive Director of Georgia FCCLA as a member of the Board and an ex officio non-voting member.

## AMENDMENT #5:

ARTICLE X – Standing Committees To Amend Article X, by removing "Legislative" and "Resolutions" and adding "Legislative and Resolutions"

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
The following standing committees shall	The following standing committees shall	The following standing committees
exist: Awards, Budget, Bylaws,	exist: Awards, Budget, Bylaws,	shall exist: Awards, Budget, Bylaws,
Legislative, Membership, Nominating,	Legislative Legislative and Resolutions,	Legislative and Resolutions,
Public Relations and Resolutions. With	Membership, Nominating, and Public	Membership, Nominating, and Public
the exception of the Budget Committee,	Relations and Resolutions. With the	Relations. With the exception of the
the chairperson for each of the standing	exception of the Budget Committee, the	Budget Committee, the chairperson for
committees shall be a region vice	chairperson for each of the standing	each of the standing committees shall
president appointed by the president.	committees shall be a region vice	be a region vice president appointed by
Committee members shall come from	president appointed by the president.	the president. Committee members
the membership. If there is a lack of	Committee members shall come from	shall come from the membership. If
participants in committee members the	the membership. If there is a lack of	there is a lack of participants in
Board will be empowered to appoint	participants in committee members the	committee members the Board will be
the necessary number to complete a	Board will be empowered to appoint	empowered to appoint the necessary
standing committee. Each standing	the necessary number to complete a	number to complete a standing
committee shall present a report at the	standing committee. Each standing	committee. Each standing committee
business session of GATFACS annual	committee shall present a report at the	shall present a report at the business
winter in-service and GACTE summer	business session of GATFACS annual	session of GATFACS annual winter in-
conference and file an electronic copy	winter in-service and GACTE summer	service and GACTE summer conference
with the Association.	conference and file an electronic copy	and file an electronic copy with the
	with the Association.	Association.

**Rationale:** Consistency with the Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education Bylaws

## AMENDMENT #6:

**ARTICLE X – Standing Committees** 

To Amend Article X, Section 6, by removing "Legislative Committee" and its description and adding "Legislative and Resolutions Committee and its description.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Section 6 - Legislative Committee	Section 6 - Legislative Committee	Section 6 – Legislative and Resolutions
		Committee
The Legislative Committee shall consist	The Legislative Committee shall consist	
of a minimum of three member with	of a minimum of three member with	The Legislative and Resolutions
one being the chair. This committee is	one being the chair. This committee is	Committee shall consist of a minimum
responsible for undertaking activities	responsible for undertaking activities	of three members with one being chair.
that position GATFACS as the voice of	that position GATFACS as the voice of	This committee is responsible for
family and consumer sciences program	family and consumer sciences program	surveying the membership to
cluster professionals and advocate for	cluster professionals and advocate for	determine what areas need strategic
programs and funding that lead to a	programs and funding that lead to a	advocacy and drafting these
productive workforce.	productive workforce.	resolutions to be presented to the
		membership for approval. Once
	Section 6 – Legislative and Resolutions	resolutions have been made, this
	Committee	committee is responsible for creating a
		legislative agenda that positions GACTE
	The Legislative and Resolutions	as the voice of career and technical
	Committee shall consist of a minimum	education professionals and advocate
	of three members with one being chair.	for programs and funding that lead to a
	This committee is responsible for	productive workforce.
	surveying the membership to	
	determine what areas need strategic	
	advocacy and drafting these	
	resolutions to be presented to the	
	membership for approval. Once	
	resolutions have been made, this	
	committee is responsible for creating a	
	legislative agenda that positions GACTE	
	as the voice of career and technical	
	education professionals and advocate	
	for programs and funding that lead to a	
	productive workforce.	

Rationale: Consistency with the Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education Bylaws

# AMENDMENT #7:

ARTICLE X – Standing Committees

To Amend Article X, Section 8, by removing "Resolutions Committee" and its description.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Section 8 - Resolutions Committee	Section 8 - Resolutions Committee	No wording
The Resolutions Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members with one being the chair. This committee is responsible for drafting resolutions to be presented to the membership for approval.	The Resolutions Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members with one being the chair. This committee is responsible for drafting resolutions to be presented to the membership for approval.	

Rationale: Consistency with the Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education Bylaws.

## AMENDMENT #8:

ARTICLE XIII – Parliamentary Authority

To Amend Article XIII, by adding a statement that allows GATFACS to immediately adopt bylaw amendments from GACTE and ACTE.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
No current wording	Any amendment to the GACTE or ACTE	Any amendment to the GACTE or ACTE
	bylaws which affects the purposes,	bylaws which affects the purposes,
	mission or any other basic statute of	mission or any other basic statute of
	the organization shall be immediately	the organization shall be immediately
	adopted into the GATFACS bylaws	adopted into the GATFACS bylaws
	without vote of the membership.	without vote of the membership.

**Rationale:** Allows for GATFACS Bylaws to be consistent with Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education and the Association of Career and Technical Education's bylaws without proposing multiple bylaw amendments at annual meetings.