

## Futures in STEM Constitution

### **ARTICLE I: Organization**

- Name:  
Futures in STEM
- Purpose:  
The purpose of Futures in STEM is to provide a supportive and inclusive space for students interested in biology, chemistry, and related STEM fields to explore, learn, and deepen their understanding of science and technology. The club aims to foster curiosity, academic growth, and awareness of STEM-related career paths, enabling members to make informed decisions about their educational and professional futures. Through collaboration, discussion, and shared resources, members are encouraged to develop critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and a passion for STEM, while connecting with others who share similar interests.
- Dues:  
In order to become a member, you must pay the \$10 ASO fee.
- Meetings:  
Meetings will be held biweekly in person or on Zoom.

### **ARTICLE II: Membership**

- Eligibility:  
All students of any major who are part of the Associated Student Union at LAVC are eligible to become members.
- Special Requirement for Membership:  
The Futures in STEM is open to all students. To remain an active member, you must attend at least one meeting per month. Membership may not be restricted on the basis of age, race, religion, or national origin.

### **ARTICLE III: Officers and Elections**

#### Futures in STEM Officers:

1. *President* - The President serves as the primary leader and representative of Futures in STEM. They oversee the overall direction and goals of the club, facilitate meetings, encourage member participation, and ensure the club operates smoothly. The President also acts as the main point of contact with the college and other organizations.
2. *Vice President* - The Vice President assists the President in carrying out leadership duties and supports the coordination of meetings and club activities. They step in to fulfill the President's responsibilities when necessary and help maintain engagement and communication among members.
3. *Treasurer* - The Treasurer manages the club's finances, including tracking funds, deposits, and expenditures. They maintain accurate financial records, report them to the club, and assist in budgeting for the club's needs or initiatives.

4. *Secretary* - The Secretary maintains official club records, including meeting notes and membership lists. They keep members informed of meetings, updates, and other important information, while assisting with communication between officers and the general membership.
  5. *ICC Representative* - The ICC Representative attends Inter-Club Council (ICC) meetings on behalf of Futures in STEM. They communicate information from ICC meetings to the officers and members, advocate for the club's interests, and ensure the club follows college policies.
- Elections:  
Elections will take place once each semester. No student may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position; after two terms, they must transition to a different role on the board. Candidates for President or Vice President must have been active club members for at least one semester prior to running. Other officer positions do not require prior experience.
  - Special Elections:  
In an emergency, a special election may be held at a regular meeting of the club after notice at the immediately preceding regular meeting. The election process will be the same as for regular elections in terms of voting and eligibility requirements.
  - Term of Office:  
Students may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms in the same position. After completing two terms, they must transition to a different role on the board. Candidates for President or Vice President are required to have been active members of the club for at least one semester before running, while all other officer positions are open without prior experience.
  - Replacement Due to Ineligibility:  
Any Board member who accumulates excessive unexcused absences and fails to fulfill their duties may be removed from their position through a majority vote of the Board. The club will then hold a special election to replace the removed board member.

#### **ARTICLE IV: Club Rules**

1. Membership:
  - Open to all students enrolled at LAVC and part of the Associated Student Union (ASU).
  - Members are encouraged to attend at least one meeting per month.
2. Meetings:
  - Meetings will be held twice per month.
  - Members are expected to participate respectfully and contribute to discussions.
3. Elections & Terms Officer
  - Elections occur each semester.
  - No officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position.

- Candidates for President or Vice President must have been active members for at least one semester; other positions have no prior experience requirement.
4. Attendance & Responsibilities
    - Officers must attend meetings and fulfill their duties.
    - Any officer with three unexcused absences or failure to meet responsibilities may be removed by majority vote of the Board.
  5. Conduct & Decision-Making
    - Respectful behavior is required; discrimination or harassment will not be tolerated.
    - Decisions are made by a majority vote of the members present; the President casts the deciding vote in the event of a tie.

#### **ARTICLE V: Amendments to the Constitution**

Any member may propose an amendment to the club constitution by submitting a written suggestion to the President or Vice President. The amendment will be adopted if the majority of the members vote in favor.

#### **ARTICLE VI: Parliamentary Procedures**

Parliamentary procedure will be in accordance with this Constitution. All procedure not approved for by this Constitution shall be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised Edition."