

Article I: Name, Purpose and Goals

Section 1: The official name would be "LAVC Philosophy Club"

Section 2: The purpose and the main objectives of the club. The primary focus of this club will be to create a forum where the students of LAVC can learn more about philosophy, engage in philosophical discussion, explore new ideas, and build solidarity with other student clubs and organizations. In addition to its focus on philosophy, this club aspires to be a transdisciplinary hub of student activity that integrates the natural sciences, social sciences, and artistic expression. This club will be democratic, inclusive, civic-minded, and collaborative.

Section 3: Commitment to inclusivity

The Philosophy Club strives to be a welcoming space where all members of the community are treated with respect and dignity. As a result, this club, in all of its actions, will be respectful of diversity in its many forms, including but not limited to: gender identity and expression, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, nationality, religion, and culture.

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Define eligibility criteria for membership.

To be eligible members, potential members must pay a 10-dollar fee (ASO (Associate Student Organization)/ ASU fee) per semester including fall, spring. If the potential member cannot pay the fee, they should contact the president, vice-president, and advisor.

Section 2: Member responsibilities

Members should participate in most events and help to provide outreach for the club

Section 3: The process for admission and termination of membership.

New potential members should sign up by asking club's leadership and or the advisors. Club members who act in ways that are threatening or disrespectful to members of the club, the advisors, or other members of the community may be removed from the club by the advisors.

Section 4: The meetings day

The meeting day would be decided by the students and the advisor.

Article III: Officers

Section 1: The officer positions

The officer positions are President, Vice president (VP), Treasurer, Secretary, and ICC Rep

Section 2: The eligibility requirements for officers.

The President cannot be the president of another club

The Treasurer cannot be the treasurer of another club

The ICC Rep cannot be the ICC rep for another club

Potential candidates and officers should be members of the club in good standing.

Section 3: The duties and responsibilities of each officer.

President – Ex-officio voting member of the committees, attend ICC meetings if it is needed, oversee all the club operations and delegate authority as needed.

Vice President- Ex officio voting member of the committees, attend ICC meetings if it is needed, help coordinate other officers, oversee the club elections, delegate authority as needed, and 2nd line in succession.

Treasurer- Oversee fundraising activities, manage the financial accounts, propose and make budgets, prepare financial reports for the club as if needed, and delegate authority as needed

Secretary- Assist with event planning, help other officers if needed, keep the whole records and create institutional memory, take agendas and minutes during meetings if needed, attend ICC meetings if needed, and delegate authority as needed

ICC Rep- Attend ICC meetings and report back about events happening on campus

Section 4: The process for the election, appointments, and removal of officers.

Members can run for multiple officer positions and can have 1 position if they win the majority of votes cast for that position. If there is a tie, then there would be another election until there is a winner. The removal of officers would be decided by a 2/3 vote of all members present at a meeting with quorum. If there are vacant positions, they will be appointed by the executive committee. If any officers resigned, they should notify the advisor so there would be a new appointment election and or follow line in succession.

The initial elections will be held in the Fall semester. However, for all subsequent years, elections will be held in Spring semester, and during general meetings. There should be 2 semester term limits for each position.

Article IV: Meetings

Section 1: The frequency and types of meetings

The meeting types would be general and executive.

General meetings are open to guests and club members, most meetings would be general meetings.

Executive meetings would be meetings of the four executive officers

Section 2: Voting at meetings

While the Philosophy Club strives to operate on consensus, if a vote is required then it will require 2/3 of members present at a meeting where there is quorum to vote yes in order to pass.

Article V: Committees

Section 1: Standing or special committees.

New standing committees can be formed at any time by a 2/3 vote of all members present at a meeting where there is quorum. All committees are open to club members, but they would not be voting members unless they join said committee.

Section 2: The roles and responsibilities of each committee.

The role of each committee will be established by the club when/if the committee is created.

Article VI: Amendments and Ratification

Section 1: The procedure for proposing and adopting amendments to the constitution.

While the philosophy club strives to operate on consensus, amendments to this constitution can be approved with a 2/3 vote of those present at a meeting where there is quorum. All proposed amendments must be provided to the club members at least two weeks before voting.