ARTICLE I -- Associated Students of Bakersfield College
This constitution and its bylaws are subordinate to the constitution of the Associated Students of Bakersfield College and to the code of operations of the Bakersfield College Student Handbook.

ARTICLE II -- Name and Purpose
Section 2.1 Name
The name of this organization shall be Bakersfield College Students for Sensible Drug Policy (herein referred to as “the organization”).

Section 2.2 Purpose
The first objective of the organization shall be to provide the Bakersfield College campus community and the Bakersfield public with informative and educational information about current drug policy reform in the United States.

The second objective of the organization shall be:
(a) To encourage wide recognition of the social threat posed by the war on drugs and to promote an awareness of the dangers inherent in extensive reliance on prohibitionist policies and politics;
(b) To involve Bakersfield College students and the public in developing and supporting programs that promote effective drug policies;
(c) To foster debate and exploration within the Bakersfield community in order to understand role that the current drug policies play in the general social order;
(d) To work for a world in which drug policies are not motivated by political gain, by special interest, or by anything other than the ideals set forth in the Bill of Rights and the United States Constitution.
(e) To foster debate in favor of viable alternatives to existing drug policies, such as needle exchange programs, methadone treatment for heroin addicts, decriminalization, and other harm reduction strategies.

ARTICLE III -- Organization
Section 3.1 Board of Directors
There will be a Board of Directors for the organization. Directors may be students at Bakersfield College. Directors shall be elected to a term of one school year. There may be no fewer than three (3) and no more than (7) persons on the Board of Directors at any one time during a given term.

Section 3.2 Other Offices
Other offices and committees shall be appointed or created at the discretion of the Board of Directors and approved by organization members.

Section 3.3 Principal Office
The principal office for the transaction of business of the organization (“principal executive office”) shall be fixed and located in the greater Bakersfield area.
Section 3.4 Other Offices
The Board of Directors may at any time establish branch or subordinate offices at any place or places where the organization is qualified to do business under the policies set forth in the Associated Students Handbook

ARTICLE IV -- Membership
Section 4.1 Qualifications
There shall be (2) classes of membership in this organization. Student membership; any person dedicated to the purposes of this organization and who either works on the campus of Bakersfield College or is a student enrolled at Bakersfield College. The second class shall consist of any interested person from the greater Bakersfield community. Pursuant to the Associated Students Recognition Policy (first page, eighth requirement, section E) and the Associated Students Handbook, the number of non-student affiliate members may not exceed 49% of the organization membership.

ARTICLE V – Meetings of Members
Section 5.1 Place
Meetings of the membership shall be held at any place within or outside of the Bakersfield College campus designated by the Coordinator/President of the organization. In the absence of any such designation, members’ meetings shall be held at the principal executive office of the organization.

ARTICLE VI – General Powers and Duties
The organization will have all of the general powers granted by the Bakersfield College, Associated Students policies, and the procedures described in the Associated Students Handbook. In carrying out its purpose (as described in section 1.2), the organization shall abide by all the laws federal, state, or municipal governing the conduct of individuals and organizations alike.

ARTICLE VII – Amendments
Section A: Proposal of Amendments
Amendments to this Constitution and its Bylaws may be proposed by the presentation of such at any business meeting. Proposed amendments must be presented in written form.

Section B: Handling of Amendments
Amendments will be introduced and considered as follows:
First Reading: at a meeting which must be open to all members of the organization.
Second Reading: at a student meeting no less than one week before the voting date after which a vote will be taken.

Section C: Passage of Amendments
An amendment passes if it receives at least a seventy-five percent (75%) majority vote of the members present at the student meeting.