Constitution of the Bakersfield College Geology Club

Preamble

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Geology Club at Bakersfield College is to create a community outside of the classroom for students who are passionate about Geological, Natural/Earth and Environmental Sciences as well as Anthropology, Archaeology and Astronomy. Members will have an avenue to further their knowledge through group discussions and hands on experience through field trips, and may also be exposed to great opportunities such as scholarships and internships.

Article I
Name of the Organization

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be the "Bakersfield College Geology Club"

Article II
Membership

Section 1: Any full- or part-time Bakersfield College student may be a member of the organization with all rights and privileges thereof. The club shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, national origin, marital status, physical handicap, medical condition, age, sexual orientation, or Vietnam-era veterans’ status.

Section 2: The general members shall plan and organize all events, fundraisers and any other goings on for the Geology Club.

Section 3: Dues shall be paid by members on a semester by semester basis. The amount of the dues shall be voted upon by the club members on an annual basis.

Section 4: Active members shall be members that attend at least one meeting per semester. After missing all meetings in a semester their membership status will change to inactive.

Article III
Officers/Elections

Section 1: The term of office for all officers shall be one academic year at Bakersfield College. In the event that an officer cannot complete his/her term in office, the president may appoint a member of the organization to complete the term. In the event that the president cannot complete his/her term, the vice president shall become president and will appoint a new vice president to fill the newly vacated office. The listing of officers is as follows:
1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Activities Board Representative

Section 2: The officers shall be elected in accordance with the by-laws of this organization.

Section 3: Qualifications for holding office and eligibility for voting:
1. Any active member of the Geology club can run for office.
2. Any active member of the Geology club can vote in elections.

Section 4: The role/responsibility of the advisor is to supervise and advise club members with meetings, field trips, other events, questions and or discussions.

Article IV

Duties of Officer

Section 1: The duties of the president of the organization are as follows:
1. To preside over all meeting and functions of the club.
2. To be the official spokesperson for the club.
3. To be one of the four member of the executive committee.
4. To preside over elections of new officials.
5. To appoint a member to complete any subordinate office vacated in his/her term.

The duties of the vice president of the organization are as follows:

1. In the event that the president is absent, the vice president shall assume the responsibilities of the president.
2. To coordinate events the Geology Club will hold.

The duties of the secretary of the organization are as follows:
1. To record the minutes of each meeting.
2. To keep the records of the club (including phone lists)
3. To post events and minutes of meetings.
4. To be one of the four members of the executive committee.

The duties of the treasurer of the organization are as follows:
1. To be accountable for all club funds.
2. To be one of the four members of the executive committee.

The duties of the Activities Board Representative
1. To attend all Activities Board meetings and Geology Club meetings.
2. To act as liaison between the Geology Club and the Activities Board.

Section 2: An officer can be removed from office for:

1. Misappropriation of funds
2. Misconduct towards the Geology club or members in club.

In the event a member is accused of one of the above mentioned items the club will have an emergency meeting and will vote for removal.

Section 3: A position vacant because of impeachment or removal can be filled by:

1. The president appointing someone into the position.
2. A meeting with nominations and then voting another club member into the position.

Article V
Executive Committee (Governing Board)

Section 1: The executive committee shall consist of the elected officer and the advisor.

Section 2: A majority vote of the executive committee, with no rejection by the advisor, shall be necessary to pass any business, which is referred to the executive committee.

Article VI
Meetings

Section 1: Meetings shall be held at least once per semester. The day of the meeting will be determined by the executive committee at the first meeting of each semester.

Section 2: If a special meeting of the entire club is deemed necessary by the executive committee, then a posting or letters to all members in regular attendance shall be made at least fourteen days in advance of the meeting.

Article VII
Quorum

Section 1: A minimum of five members must be present to transact business legally within a general assembly meeting.

Section 2: A minimum of three officers must be present to transact business within the executive committee meeting.
Article VIII
How to amend the Constitution

Section 1: The members of the organization must be notified of a pending amendment to the constitution at least 14 day prior to the actual vote.

Section 2: In order to amend the constitution, a simple majority of regularly attending members within the general assembly must be obtained.

Article IX
Hazing

Section 1: This organization shall not engage and/or participate in the hazing of members or commit any acts that injure, degrade, or disgrace or tends to degrade or disgrace any fellow student attending Bakersfield College. (State of California Education Code, Article 8, Section 10052).

By-Laws Of The Constitution

Bakersfield College Geology Club

Article I
Membership

Section 1: Membership for the organization shall be established as stated in Articles II and III of the constitution.

Section 2: The club will allow only active members to vote. An active member is one who comes to a least one meeting or event per semester.

Section 3: Regular attendance is not required.

Section 4: This is an educational and social organization only. No other rights or privileges are to be construed from membership in the organization.

Article II
Elections

Section 1: Nomination of a candidate will come from the floor with a seconding motion. Any member can nominate any other member including him or herself. Any member may decline a nomination. After all candidates have been nominated and
nominations have been closed, the names of the candidates will be written in view of all. Any nominee will have an opportunity to speak but must not degrade their opponent. Election will be turned over to the executive committee. Voting will commence. The votes will be tallied by the executive committee and the candidate with the greatest number of votes will win the office for which he or she has been nominated.

In the event of a tie of candidates there will be a run-off the following.

Section 2: Any member in regular attendance is eligible to vote.

Article III
Parliamentary Authority

Section 1: Parliamentary authority will rest solely within the executive committee.

Article IV
Amendments

Section 1: These by-laws must be amended in the same manner as the organization’s constitution.

Article V
Enacting Clause

Section 1: These by-laws shall become effective upon approval of the director of activities.