BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE
SPANISH CLUB CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name of Organization

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be called Spanish Club.

Section 2: This organization may have the option to be affiliated with any other Spanish and/or foreign language organization.

Purpose of the Organization

Section 1: To form a representative body of students at Bakersfield College who are interested in the Spanish language.

Section 2: To provide a more enlightened perspective on Spanish language and interaction.

Section 3: To provide information and support to Spanish speaking students.

Section 4: To participate socially, and as a representative group, in selected school activities.

ARTICLE II

Qualifications of Membership

Section 1: Active members shall be open to students of Bakersfield College.

Section 2: Members are expected to participate in organizational meetings as well as club sponsored activities.

Section 3: The Executive Board will become charter members, and will be expected to help the Spanish Club with its goals and participate in activities.

Section 4: Membership may be inactively retained by members who leave Bakersfield College and still wish to participate in club activities. However, inactive members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 5: Active members' privileges are:

1. The right to vote on all club activities not delegated to the Executive Board.
2. Priority over inactive members on all club sponsored activities (i.e. bus trips).
3. The right to be elected into a vacant position on the Executive Board.

Section 6: New members have to be approved by 2/3 majority vote of the membership.

Section 7: Membership status is erased at the end of each semester; therefore, new status is mandated with each semester.
Section 8: All nominees for office must have already attained membership for one semester.

ARTICLE III

Officers of the Club/Organization

Section 1: The elected officers of this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Inner-Club Council Representative (ICC), and Alternate.

Section 2: Term of Office shall be one semester and may be reelected (if willing) as terms as members of the Spanish club choose to reelect the officer.

Section 3: The President shall preside at all meetings of the club. She/he shall have the power to appoint committees. The President is also responsible for making sure that each officer does his/her duties in a manner that benefits all members of the club.

Section 4: The Vice-President shall assist the President in carrying out his/her duties. He/She shall take the place of the President in case of absence and have full authority to act. The Vice-President shall be in charge of all committees.

Section 5: The ICC Representative or Alternate shall attend all regular and special meetings of the Interclub Council and make a report to the club at the next regular meeting. There may be two (2) ICC Representatives or Alternates.

Section 6: The Treasurer shall account for all receipts and disbursements and give a budget at the beginning of each Executive Board meeting. There may be an alternate Treasurer.

Section 7: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and conduct all official club-related correspondence. There may be an alternate Secretary.

Section 8: Individuals may hold more than one office during the semester.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1: The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and the faculty advisors. (Chairperson of the standing committees may be added)

Section 2: A simple majority vote of the Executive Committee, with the approval of the advisor, shall be necessary to pass any business which is referred to the Executive Committee.

Section 3: The Executive Board shall have the power to collect and disburse all funds and to collect all business that shall properly come before the Board.

Section 4: Committees may be established as necessary by the Executive Board or by a majority vote of the active members.
Section 5: Nominations and election (majority vote) shall be made at a meeting of members at the beginning of each semester. Nominations shall be made for officers of President and Vice-President. After election of President and Vice-President, they will accept nominations for remaining Board positions and decide who will be approved by the general membership of the club.

Section 6: Vacant officers shall be elected at the next regular meeting by the active members of the club.

Section 7: Any officer may be impeached by a ¾ vote of the Executive Board and confirmed by a 2/3 vote at a regular meeting of membership.

ARTICLE V
Meetings

Section 1: Meetings shall be held at least two times a month, with at least one week notice. Additionally, a special meeting may be called for by the President at any time.

Section 2: Members cannot miss more than 2 meetings if they cannot attend they have to notify an office in advance.

Section 3: The executive Board shall meet two times a month, or when the President calls meetings.

Section 4: All meetings of the membership and the Executive Board shall be attended by the Club Advisors.

ARTICLE VI
Amendments

Section 1: Amendments must be prepared by the Executive Board or at general meeting of the members.

Section 2: Any constitutional amendment must be posted for at least one week in the Language Arts building.

Section 3: Constitutional amendments shall pass on a 2/3 vote of the active membership present (as long as quorum has been satisfied).
ARTICLE VII

Dues

Section 1: Dues may be imposed upon members only by a 2/3 vote for active members each semester. Fund raising shall be encouraged in lieu of any dues.

ARTICLE VIII

Enacting Clause

Section 1: This constitution shall become effective upon the approval of the Student Senate of the Associated Student of Bakersfield College.

SIGNATURES:

Director of Student Activities  Date

Chief Justice of the Student Court  Date

Spanish Club President  Date

Spanish Club Advisor  Date