

CONSTITUTION OF THE PHILOSOPHY CLUB

ARTICLE I

NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1. The name of the organization shall be Philosophy Club.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1. The purpose of the Philosophy Club is to provide an informal environment where both students and faculty can come together to raise, to investigate and converse about philosophical topics, and provide social gatherings and community outreach. Members of the club will select these topics, and all other club functions. The Philosophy Club functions under the direction and auspices of the East Los Angeles College Philosophy Department.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. VOTING MEMBERSHIP: Student membership is open to all actively registered East Los Angeles College students and all student members will be given the right of voting membership. Student membership will comply with all college anti-discrimination policies. Student members may be asked to sign a role sheet to establish a quorum when deemed necessary by the club's officers and/or faculty advisor(s). Members need not attend all meetings to maintain membership in the club. However, when a club vote is conducted, students must be present at that club meeting in order for that student to be considered an active voting member and thus for his/her vote to be counted. Student membership may be revoked via club vote for reasons including but not restricted to unruly, disrespectful, and/or disruptive behavior. This conduct is congruent to East Los Angeles College campus guidelines for student classroom conduct in a course.

SECTION 2. FACULTY ADVISOR(S): Since the Philosophy Club is conducted under auspices of the East Los Angeles College Philosophy Department, and hence is an extension thereof, the faculty advisor(s) must be a faculty member of the Philosophy Department, and will be appointed by the department. If deemed necessary, the Philosophy Department may appoint more than one faculty member to serve as an advisor, in which case each faculty member will serve as a co-advisor. Each co-advisor will have full duties and powers of the position of faculty advisor. It is the responsibility of the faculty advisor(s) to assist and supervise all club officers in the performance of their duties with the aim of securing the integrity of the Philosophy Club and its constitution. The faculty advisor(s) is not a voting member of the club. However, since part of the duties of the faculty advisor include insuring the appropriateness of club events, a faculty advisor is required to attend each meeting and/or other activities of the Philosophy Club and further all club events (including meetings and/or any other activities) will be left up to the discretion of the faculty advisor(s) and thus requires advance approval (whether verbally and/or in writing) by a club faculty advisor. Furthermore, a faculty advisor's approval signature is required on all club documents, including but not limited to club minutes, financial

forms, and any other ELAC forms. Any club event without said approval and/or signature will be deemed unofficial and hence not conducted under the auspices of neither East Los Angeles College nor the East Los Angeles College Philosophy Department, and hence all associated liabilities will be null and void.

SECTION 3. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: In addition to providing philosophical discussions and social activities, the Philosophy Club provides a platform for East Los Angeles College faculty, no matter what academic discipline, and other guests to express their ideas and research. Such faculty members and guests will be deemed to be an honorary member and thus will have no voting rights. This platform of expression may include but are not limited to such methods as leading a discussion, or presenting a paper. As a general standard, the Philosophy Club will strive to have at least one honorary member presentation per semester. The topic of these honorary presentations will be selected by voting members and the faculty advisor, and it will be the responsibility of the faculty advisor to help the Club organize such events and thus act as liaison between the student members and honorary member.

SECTION 4. DUES: No dues will be required from student or honorary members, nor faculty advisors. Any contributions (financial or otherwise) given to the Philosophy Club will be deemed club property and hence part of the club's budget. All said contributions must have prior approval of the faculty advisor.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS OF THE ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1: ELECTED OFFICERS: The elected officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Commissioner, and Alternate Commissioner(s). Officers will be selected from among current and active student members and each will be voted into office.

SECTION 2: DUTIES OF OFFICERS: The duties of the officers shall include:

A. President: The club president functions as the primary representative of the club in campus activities and/or club meetings or events, and thus is expected to implement and enforce the provisions and spirit of the club's constitution. If possible, and when appropriate, the president will also serve as club commissioner and thus be responsible for attending any ASU or similar type meetings. In conjunction with the faculty advisor, the president will be responsible for coordinating and leading of scheduled club meetings and/or other club activities. In addition, the president will provide support and assistance to other officers in the completion of their duties.

B. Vice-President: The club vice-president's primary duty is to assist the president in his/her duties. As such, the president and vice-president are to have an ongoing working relationship that fosters and serves the aim of implementing and enforcing the provisions and spirit of the club's constitution. Furthermore, the vice-president is expected to fulfill the duties designated to the club's president in the event that the president may not be able to complete, either in part or in full, his/her presidential duties. Furthermore the vice-president is expected to serve as an alternate commissioner and thus fulfill the commissioner's duties when necessary.

C. Secretary: The club secretary 's duties include taking attendance, contacting members, informing members of calendared events, complete and distribute extra credit forms when a club event is deemed academically enriching be the faculty advisor, and assist in setting-up or maintaining the club's website. Furthermore, the secretary is expected to

serve as an alternate commissioner and thus fulfill the commissioner's duties when necessary.

D. Treasurer: The club treasurer's duties include keeping and maintaining records of the fiscal funds and expenditures of the club. This duty will be performed in conjunction with the oversight and assistance of the club president and faculty advisor. The treasurer also has the duty of coordinating and acquiring materials needed for meetings and other club activities. Furthermore, the treasurer is expected to serve as an alternate commissioner and thus fulfill the commissioner's duties when necessary.

E. COMMISSIONER: The club commissioner's duty is to attend and represent the club at any ASU or similar type meeting, and thus fulfill the responsibilities of a club commissioner as spelled out by ASU Club Charter guidelines. As the acting representative of the club, the commissioner has voting rights/responsibilities at these ASU meetings but is also expected to exhibit and maintain the integrity of the Philosophy Club and its constitution. Further, it is the responsibility of the commissioner to report all relevant activities of the ASU meetings to the faculty advisor(s) and club officers, as well as club members at large. In the event that the commissioner cannot fulfill this duty, it is his/her responsibility to contact in advance both an available alternate commissioner and the faculty advisor to report this absence. Further, in the event that no alternate is available to fulfill the duties of the commissioner, it is the duty of the commissioner to notify in advance the proper ASU representative (e.g., ASU president, vice-president, or supervisor) that the Philosophy Club will not have a representative at the respective meeting. The position of commissioner is open to any student members, however, it is preferred that the duties of club commissioner are fulfilled by the club president as the president is the club's primary representative.

F. ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER(S): The club's alternate commissioner(s)'s duty is to step-in and fulfill the duties of the commissioner if and when the commissioner is unavailable to fulfill his/her duties. The position of alternate commissioner(s) is open to any student members, however, it is preferred that the duties of club commissioner are fulfilled by all of the club officers. This is to insure proper representation ASU meetings per ASU Club Charter guidelines.

G. SPECIALIZED APPOINTEES: Specialized appointees are NOT elected officers of the club and thus do not officially serve in any of the capacities spelled out in Section 2, A-F above. However, the duty of the specialized appointee is to assist any of the officers and/or the faculty advisor(s) with any of their duties. The purpose of the specialized appointee is to help insure the success of club meetings and activities and thus will be appointed on a need only basis.

SECTION 3: TERMS OF OFFICE: The terms of each elected office will consist of one academic semester, for example one fall academic semester.

SECTION 4: ELECTIONS: Elections will be conducted via an overt ballot during the earliest possible club meeting. There is no requirement that other student members nominate a prospective candidate for office--self-nomination will suffice, hence all offices are open to any student member. If no election is possible (e.g., see Section 5 below) then the faculty advisor(s) may designate the officers until a time when regular elections are possible. All elections will be conducted in a fair and open format under the supervision of the faculty advisor(s). Failure to comply constitutes a null and void election.

SECTION 5: QUORUM: For an election of officers to be conducted and its result s official, a quorum of five (5) student members must be obtained at the meeting. If a quorum is not possible, then the faculty advisor(s) may designate the officers until a time when regular elections are possible.

SECTION 6: REVOCATION AND VACANCIES OF OFFICERS: All officers and commissioners are to work under the supervision of the faculty advisor(s). Any officer or commissioner failing to complete his/her duty may be voted out of office by a majority of other officers, under the advice and consent of the faculty advisor(s). If such a vote cannot be held, or is inconclusive, then it falls to the faculty advisor(s) to make a decision under the provisions of Article IV, section 4 above. The aim of this provision is to insure and preserve the integrity of the Philosophy Club and its constitution.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

SECTION 1: CLUB MEETINGS: Club meetings are usually geared around a topic selected by the student members and faculty advisor. They will be primarily informal gatherings where philosophical discussions and investigations can take place. The aim is to provide a platform where students and faculty attempt to discover and analyze any philosophical foundation or ramifications present in the topic at hand. These meetings will be generally conducted on campus during the "college hour." The frequency of these meetings will vary and contingent upon the needs and aspirations of club members, however they will usually occur either four or two times a month but no less than once a month. Whenever possible, the club secretary will provide a written calendar of these meetings and distributed amongst members and the student body at large.

SECTION 2: CLUB ACTIVITIES: In addition to club meetings and discussions, club members are to participate in other activities, such as lunches, holiday celebrations, concerts, hikes, fund raisers, social outreach, movie watching, and other related activities. These activities are selected by the officers under the supervision of the faculty advisor, while taking into consideration the ideas and wishes of the general student membership.

ARTICLE VI

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: AMENDMENTS: Any amendment to the Constitution of the Philosophy Club must coincide with and maintain the integrity of the Philosophy Club, ASU and East Los Angeles College. Further, it cannot contradict or violate any ASU charter restrictions or any of the provision regarding club and/or student conduct as dictated by campus and district guidelines.

SECTION 2: PROCEDURAL VOTE: The Constitution of the Philosophy Club may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the student membership at which a quorum is present. The voting procedures for any amendment will follow the same provisions presented in sections 4 and 5 of Article IV above.

SECTION 3: NOTIFICATION: Written notification must be given to the Philosophy Club Student members, officers and faculty advisor regarding a proposed amendment to the constitution at least one meeting prior to the actual vote. This written notification must spell out exactly what the amended provision will consist and also specify the reason for this amendment. Failure to comply will result in any consequent procedural vote to be null and void.

SECTION 4: CONSTITUTION AND MINUTES: A copy of the club's amended constitution must be filed in the Student Activities Office, and/or with ASU, along with a copy of the minutes of the club meeting at which the procedural vote and approval of the amendments occurred. These copies must be filed as soon as reasonably possible.

ARTICLE VII

RATIFICATION

SECTION 1. OFFICIAL RATIFICATION: This constitution shall become effective upon approval of the East Los Angeles College ASU Board.

CLUB PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE _____

CLUB ADVISOR'S SIGNATURE _____