POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The Political Science Association poses as a club that aims to amplify their political interests in their academic lives. We establish this club to provoke insightful and collaborative discussions and activities for those who seek a greater presence in political endeavors. We welcome peoples of all races, genders, religions, and identities who characterize themselves as ambitious and motivated students.

ARTICLE I - NAME

Political Science Association

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To encourage vigorous political involvement
2. To promote the intellectual and professional progress of its members.
3. To offer networking and cooperation opportunities with other students, educators, and professionals
4. To raise awareness of the significance of political science and its influence on society and public policy
5. To organize events on political science
6. To provide chances for advocacy and community involvement

The organization will act as a comprehensive platform for political science-interested students. The organization aims to serve as a hub for scholarly discourse and exploration, where members can discuss and analyze political issues, events, and theories. In addition, the organization seeks to promote members' active engagement in the political process and their professional growth. Additionally, the organization offers networking and cooperation opportunities with other students, instructors, and industry experts. The organization is committed to raising awareness of the value of political science and its influence on society and public policy. Through advocacy initiatives, trips to political places, and fundraising events, the club aims to provide members with opportunities to apply their knowledge and positively impact their communities.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION

Regular voting membership in this student organization shall be open to all currently enrolled and continuing students of California State University, Los Angeles. An organization or its membership may not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, gender identification, ancestry, marital status, citizenship, political affiliation, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, medical condition, pregnancy, genetic information, covered veteran status, or any other classification that precludes a person from consideration as an individual, except in cases of fraternity and sorority organizations which are exempt by federal law from Title IX Regulations concerning discrimination on the basis of sex.

All members of the organization are required to comply with University Procedures including but not limited to the Administrative Procedure 019-Alcoholic Beverages, Standards for Student Conduct: Prohibition on Hazing, Systemwide Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Harrassment and retaliation against students (Executive Order 1097) and the University Rules Governing Student Organizations.

A. Eligibility for Membership

1. All students of California State University, Los Angeles, shall be eligible for membership
2. Faculty, staff, and alumni of Cal State LA, as well as non-students, may be considered for

   non-voting membership in this organization. Only currently enrolled or continuing students of Cal State LA may be voting members

A. "Regular voting membership in this student organization shall be open to all currently enrolled and continuing students of California State University, Los Angeles. An organization or its membership may not discriminates on the basis of race or ethnicity (including color, caste, and ancestry), religion (or religious creed), nationality, citizenship, age, medical condition, genetic information, gender (or sex), gender identity (including nonbinary or transgender), gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran or military status, political status, or disability (physical or mental) (hereafter referred to as the nondiscrimination statement) with the limited exception that a social fraternity or sorority may impose a gender limitation as permitted by Education Code Section 66273."
"All members of the organization are required to comply with University Procedures including but not limited to the Administrative Procedure 019-Alcoholic Beverages, CSU Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Retaliation (Nondiscrimination Policy), Student Conduct Procedures (Executive Order 1098),the University Rules Governing Student Organizations, California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Standards for Student Conduct, Section 41301(b)(8), and Cal State LA Standards of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures for University Recognized Student Organizations."

ARTICLE IV - ELECTIONS
A. Times and Period when Elections Occur

1. Elections of all club officers shall occur by a vote of all Political Science Association members during the last spring semester meeting each academic year
2. If a Club officer should vacate their post before the end of their term, an election will be held to fill their position during the next scheduled meeting

   i. Members will be notified of the vacancy, and their nominations will be accepted

   ii. Votes will be tallied following the meeting by the advisor, and the results will be communicated to all Club members within one week

B. Nomination Procedure

1. Any Club member may nominate any other member for election. Members may also self-nominate
2. Each nominee must accept or decline nomination
3. No application process is required for nomination

C. Election Procedures

1. Elections are by a secret ballot.
2. Officers of this organization shall be elected by a majority vote (51%) of the

   regular student membership of the organization

3. Only Political Science Association members are eligible to vote

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS
A. Description of Officers

a. There will be 5 officers:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Public Relations Officer

B. Duties
a. President

and Responsibilities of Officers

i. The Political Science Association will elect one President annually
ii. Term of office

1. The President will be elected to a one-year term of office to commence upon the conclusion of the last meeting of the spring semester or upon the completion of the voting process, whichever is later.

iii. Roles

1. Presides over meetings and activities
2. Assists in setting and reviewing agendas for meetings
3. Functions as Club Spokesperson
4. Acts as liaison among members, officers, and advisors.
5. Reserves the right to call additional meetings when necessary, with

   approval from the advisor

b. Vice President

i. The Political Science Association will elect one Vice President annually
ii. Term of office

1. Same as for President iii. Roles

1. Assists in presiding over meetings and activities
2. Assists in setting and reviewing agendas for meetings
3. Organizes club activities and events
4. Presides over any meetings, activities, and events in the absence of

   the club president

c. Secretary

i. The Political Science Association will elect one Secretary annually
ii. Term of office

1. Same as for other officers

iii. Roles
1. Handles internal communication

d. Treasurer

a. Communicates with Political Science Association members through email, phone calls, and other appropriate means

b. Keeps track of attendance and Club membership
c. Keeps written records for the Political Science Association d. Disseminates all necessary materials concerning or

promoting Club activities

i. The Political Science Association will elect one Treasurer annually
ii. Term of office

1. Same as for other officers

iii. Roles

1. Assists in presiding over meetings and activities
2. Assists in setting and reviewing agendas for meetings
3. Handles all Treasurer duties, including club budget and finances 4. Organizes fundraisers, Club activities, and events

e. Public Relations Officer

i. The Political Science Association will elect one Public Relations Officer annually
ii. Term of office
1. Same as for other officers
iii. Roles
1. Communicates with other related clubs for events and

collaboration (ex: Pre-Law society)
2. Promotes the Club's endeavors through posters, word of mouth,

social media, and other means
3. Disseminates all necessary materials concerning or promoting

Club activities

C. Qualifications for becoming an Officer

a. Cal State LA students are the only ones eligible for office.
i. Students must be matriculated and enrolled at a CSU campus and maintain

a minimum overall 2.0 grade point average each term. The student must be in good standing and must not be on probation of any kind

2. Undergraduate students must earn six semester units per term while holding office. Graduate and credential students must earn three semester units per term while holding office
3. Undergraduate students are allowed to earn a maximum of 150 semester units or 125 percent of the units required for a specific baccalaureate degree objective, whichever is greater. Graduate and credential students are allowed to earn a maximum of 50 semester units or 167 percent of the units required for the graduate or credential objective, whichever is greater.

D. Terms of Office

1. Each election term shall last one academic year until the elections of the next body of officers
2. The body of officers shall assume their positions one week after their elections.

E. Procedure for Filling Vacated Offices

a. Ascending order would be used as temporary position fillers until an officer can be elected in the next meeting.

F. Procedure for Removal of Officers and Members

1. Any officer member can initiate the removal of an officer by bringing up accusations of impeachment against a member
2. An officer member must initiate the removal of an officer if recommended by any other member with accusations of impeachment.
3. Advisors review the arguments made against the accused and, based on their own discretion, can proceed to trial at the next meeting.
4. Within the trial, executive officers will present as the voting body and need a two-thirds majority for a decision.
5. The President shall act in the position of the judge unless they are the accused, in which the Vice President will act as judge.

i. All verdicts made by the President shall have a unanimous agreement. f. If an executive member is impeached, they may not run for an officer position

again.

G. Appeal Policy

a. There are no appeal policies.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

1. Types of Meetings
2. Special Committees

i. The Appraisal Committee shall form when an accused member of the association functions as a formal trial council.

1. Composed of only the executive officers and the appointed advisor.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS a. Types of Meetings

i. Officer: The officer meetings shall be held with the proceeding members of the executive body.
ii. General: General meetings shall be held with the executive body as well as every member of the association.

2. **Time and Occurence of the Meeting**
    i. **General Meetings shall occur every other week on Tuesdays from 3:15 - 4:15**
    ii. **Officer Meetings shall be held in coordination with**
3. **Special Meetings**

i. Special meetings may be called by the President when there are imminent or time-pressing issues.

1. Executive special meetings: All executive officers must attend.
2. General special meetings: Entire association body must attend.

d. Quorum

ARTICLE VIII - FINANCE/FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Dues/Membership Fees
i. There will be no membership dues or fees.

b. Budget Expenditures

ARTICLE IX - ADVISORS

a. Selection of Advisors
i. The advisor will be chosen at the discretion of the elected officer body.

2. Qualifications
    i. The advisor must be a member of the CSULA faculty
    ii. The advisor maintains the right to attend all organization meetings, events, and activities.
    iii. The advisor does not have voting power
3. Terms of Office

i. The advisor will hold their position for one academic year, the same as the executive officers.

d. Roles and Duties of an advisor
i. The advisor will counsel the association by providing opportunities, guidance, and

recommendations on all activities and events.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

1. Proposing Amendments: Amendments should be proposed orally within meeting times by any active member at any time of the academic year.
    i. Majority of members must be present to proceed to vote on an amendment of the constitution
    ii. A majority vote is needed for an amendment to pass.
    iii. All active and present members of the association may vote.
2. New amendments will take place following the conclusion of the vote.

ARTICLES XI - RATIFICATION

a. Ratification: The constitution will go into effect when there is a two-thirds majority vote to move it.