BEST BUDDIES AT DE ANZA CLUB CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME OF CLUB

The name of this club shall be Best Buddies at De Anza.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE OF CLUB

Best Buddies at De Anza College aims to promote social inclusion, integrated employment, leadership development, and inclusive opportunities for people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities as a means of ensuring that our student body is whole and that all individuals---regardless of disabilities and/or impairments---have the same opportunities.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Any DASB cardholder who carries a minimum of 1/2 unit is eligible to join this club. The amount of the membership dues shall be voted by the **club officers.** A waiver for membership dues will be available to students who request it. Club members may not be on academic or social probation.

ARTICLE IV – QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1

Club officers must be currently enrolled, have a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA), must maintain 4 units, have a current DASB card, and must not be on academic or social probation.

Section 2

Officers will be a President, Vice-President/ICC Representative, Treasurer, and Secretary.

The election of the Club Officers shall be held during the Sixth (6th) week of the Spring Quarter.

Club Officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote of Best Buddies Club Members present at that Club Meeting. In the event that there are three (3) or more candidates and no one person receives a simple majority of votes then the top two (2) candidates will participate in a runoff election. New officers will be sworn in upon completion of the Seventh (7th) week of the Spring Quarter.

Section 3

The election will be done by secret ballot by the officers. All club officers must fill out the Best Buddies application form in order to be considered for election.

Section 4

If vacancies occur outside of the yearly election process, existing officers may conduct interviews and proceed with internal elections by a simple majority vote of all current officers.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1 – President

1. Manage the agenda and preside over all meetings.
2. Call special meetings.
3. Carry out the provisions of the constitution.
4. Appoint committees and chairpersons.
5. Oversee all committee activities.
6. Assist all other officers in their duties.
7. Delegate tasks to club officers.
8. Support Social Media

Section 2 – Vice PresidentICC Rep

1. Assume the duties of the president in their absence.
2. Perform any duties delegated by the president.
3. Attend all Inter Club Council meetings.
4. Report the results of ICC meetings at club meetings.
5. Assist all other officers in their duties.
6. Support Social Media

Section 3 – ICC Representative

1. Attend all Inter-Club Council meetings.
2. Report the results of ICC meetings at club meetings.
3. Support Social Media

Section 4 – Treasurer

1. Handle funds and finances for the club.
2. Keep financial records and collect dues.
3. Pay bills and release funds as voted by the general membership.
4. Make financial reports at least once a month at the meeting.
5. Attend the Inter Club Council Financial Orientation.
6. Work with External Event Coordinator and Internal Event Coordinator on funding of events and activities.
7. Support Social Media

Section 5 – Secretary

1. Record and keep accurate minutes of all meetings.
2. Act as a correspondence clerk.
   1. Email
   2. Assist marketing officer with social media correspondence when necessary
3. Assist the president with regulating task assignments.
4. Informing club members, officers, advisors via email and assisting marketing officer(s) with any other social media account of club meetings and activities.
   1. Work with Event Coordinator
5. Update linktree and chapter calendar and maintain organization of Google Drive.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1

The Executive Council will consist of the President, Vice President/ICC Representative, Treasurer, Event Coordinator, Marketing Officer, and Secretary who shall meet as often as necessary.

Section 2 – Duties of the Executive Council

1. To formulate policy of the club between regular meetings and in case of emergencies, subject to approval of the general membership.
2. To execute policies determined by the general membership.
3. To govern activities of the club.
4. To compile an agenda for the general meeting.
5. To work respectfully and collaboratively to ensure the mission of Best Buddies Club at De Anza College is achieved

ARTICLE VII – IMPEACHMENT/REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Section 1

All elected officers and club members may be subjected to impeachment and removal by a two-thirds majority vote of the total membership.

Section 2

Grounds for impeachment are negligence and any form of misconduct which is damaging to the club. An officer/member may be impeached/removed only under the following conditions: there must be a quorum present during impeachment/removal; two-thirds of the membership must vote; prior to impeachment/removal there must be one week's notice of intent publicized.

Section 3

Any officer vacancies shall be filled by an election held within two weeks.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Section 1

There must be public notice of club meetings on the club board at least five (5) school days in advance.

Section 2

There must be a meeting at least once a month held at De Anza College.

Section 3

There must be a quorum (a quorum is 50 percent plus 1 of the active or dues paying membership) present in order to take care of financial action.

Section 4

Minutes must be kept of all financial action with the club secretary.

Section 5

The treasurer will need to make a written and oral report at least once a month at the meeting.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES

Section 1

The standing committees of this club shall be appointed as necessary.

ARTICLE X – ADVISOR

Section 1 – The role of the advisor is to:

A. Serve as the official staff representative of the college.

B. Work closely with the club to ensure a cooperative relationship between the advisor, and the club membership.

C. Assist each officer of the club in understanding their duties.

D. Give particular attention to the financial activities of the group in order to prevent the incurring of organizational debts for succeeding members to pay.

E. Assist students to understand and apply democratic principles within their own organizations, and in working with others.

F. Be present for all official club/organization meetings and activities (business and social), and to advise students of the policies and procedures which they must follow as a club/organization.

G. Be familiar with the ICC Code, ICC Financial Code, ICC Concessions Code, and club financial process.

H. Ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to ensure the safety, and welfare of club members.

I. Ensure that appropriate college policies are upheld.

J. To sign all club/organization requisitions for the club/organizations, and to make sure that 1) their student treasurer or president or vice president signs it and 2) that the expenditure is correct within all existing policies.

ARTICLE XI – RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1

This club accepts full financial responsibility for all activities that bear its name as official sponsor, and will adhere to college regulations. All publicity for an event must bear the name of the sponsoring club.

ARTICLE XII – RIGHT TO ACT

Section 1

Any club officer, club member does not have the right to incur any debt or become involved in any business under the title or by implying the title of a club in any way unless given full authority to do so by the club.

ARTICLE XIV – AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Section 1

Any amendment change requires a two-thirds vote at a general club meeting and must then be approved at the ICC Agenda Meeting.