SOUTH ASIAN STUDENT SOCIETY (SASS) CONSTITUTION

# Article I – Name of Club

The name of this club shall be South Asian Student Society (SASS).

# Article II – Purpose of Club

The purpose of the club is to provide a community for students to celebrate South Asian culture and learn about it from a cultural, literary, and political standpoint. The club welcomes students not only from South Asia and its diaspora, but also those who are interested in the culture.

# 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.

Section 1

# Article IV – Qualification and Election of Officers

Club officers must be currently enrolled, have a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA), must maintain 6 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, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Coordinator, and Marketing Chair.

The election of the Club Officers shall be held during the 10th week of the Winter Quarter.

Club Officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote of active 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 run-off election. New officers will be sworn in upon completion of the 4th week of the Spring Quarter.

Section 3

The election will be done by secret ballot by club members who have attended at least two meetings.

Section 1 – President

# Article V – Duties of the Officers

1. Preside over all club meetings.
2. Call special club meetings.
3. Oversee all committee activities.
4. Delegate duties to all officers.
5. Keep a record of all club activities including meetings and events.
6. Approve all club communications.
7. Work to uphold the structure of the organization and ensure harmony within the club.

Section 2 – Vice President/ICC 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. Be familiar with all ICC rules and procedures.
6. Ensure harmony within the club.

Section 3 – Secretary

1. Record and keep accurate minutes of all meetings.
2. Act as correspondence clerk.
3. Print and distribute agendas for all meetings.
4. Keep an account of all suggestions and concerns of the club members.
5. Help mediate communication between club officers and club members.
6. Ensure harmony within the club.

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. Ensure harmony within the club.

Section 5 – Events Coordinator

1. Work with the board to organize events.
2. Ensure the smooth running of events.
3. Act as the host during club events.
4. Locate and book venues when necessary.
5. Keep a record and contact information of all attendees of a club event.
6. Ensure harmony within the club.

Section 6 – Marketing Chair

1. Create graphics and media for the club’s programs.
2. Maintain all social media accounts of the club.
3. Work towards increasing student engagement with the club.
4. Ascertain all published content is inclusive.
5. Ensure harmony within the club.

Section 1

# Article VI – Executive Council

The Executive Council will consist of the President, Vice President/ICC Representative, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Coordinator, and Marketing Chair 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 agenda for general meetings.

# 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.

Section 1

# Article VIII – Meetings

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.

Section 1

# Article IX – Committees

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

Section 1 – The role of the advisor is to:

# Article X – Advisor

1. Serve as the official staff representative of the college.
2. Work closely with the club to ensure a cooperative relationship between the advisor, and the club membership.
3. Assist each officer of the club in understanding their duties.
4. Give particular attention to the financial activities of the group in order to prevent the incurring of organizational debts for succeeding members to pay.
5. Assist students to understand and apply democratic principles within their own organizations, and in working with others.
6. 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.
7. Ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to ensure the safety, and welfare of club members.
8. Ensure that appropriate college policies are upheld.
9. 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.

Section 1

# Article XI – Responsibilities

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.

Section 1

# Article XII – Right to Act

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.

Section 1

# Article XIII – Amendments to Constitution

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