

Queer Straight Alliance Constitution

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Article I

Name and Purpose

Section I

The name of the club shall be “The Queer Straight Alliance.”

Section II

The purpose of the club shall be primarily to provide a safe space for members and allies of the LGBTQ+ community. The secondary purpose of the club shall be to promote awareness and education of LGBTQ+ issues including rights, advocacy, and history through in person and virtual events as well as on social media.

Article II

Membership

Section I

Membership shall be made available to all Las Positas College students and shall not be contingent upon sexual orientation or gender identity nor any discriminatory factor such as race or ability.

Section II

Membership may be revoked or suspended temporarily or indefinitely by all officers of the club if a member demonstrates that their membership is of manifest detriment to the club’s other members or by a two thirds majority vote of a quorum of the club.

Section III

Only currently enrolled students at Las Positas College may be allowed to vote in club elections or hearings.

Article III

Elections

Section I

A quorum shall be defined as at least one third of the population from the highest turnout meeting of the semester. For the first meeting of the semester, a quorum shall be defined as one quarter of all registered, voting members of the club or the quorum from the previous semester—whichever is less.

Section II

All club officers shall be elected by at least a simple majority of a quorum and all decisions put to election shall likewise be passed by a simple majority, or more, of a quorum.

Section III

In the event of a tie, two more elections may be held for the same issue within one month before the issue may not be voted on again for a time of one month since the last vote occurred regarding that issue.

Section IV

For any position where more than three candidates have applied and met the criteria, a primary election shall be held to reduce the number of candidates to the two top vote getters for the final election.

Section V

All elections must occur after at least two week's prior notice.

Article III

Officers

Section I

The President shall be the official spokesperson of the club and shall preside over all club elections unless otherwise unavailable. The President shall have the power to call urgent, unscheduled meetings and temporarily suspend members pending a hearing on their conduct if the member continues to represent a harm to the club.

Section II

The Vice President shall perform duties delegated by the president and in the absence of the president, perform the president's duties.

Section III

The Secretary shall act as keeper of meeting minutes, agendas, and official correspondence. They shall act as historian and record keeper. They shall be considered the second in the line of succession to the presidency.

Section IV

The Treasurer shall keep account of the club finances in accordance with Las Positas College policy. They shall keep records of all financial transactions of the club and make those records readily available to all other club officers.

Section V

The ICC representative shall attend all ICC meetings and represent the viewpoints and agenda of the club. They shall be responsible for communicating a summary of all ICC meetings to the other officers of the club.

Section VI

A term shall last for one semester and any officer may be recalled mid-term by a three quarters or greater majority vote of a quorum of members. A recall must gather the endorsement of at least half of a quorum before it shall be put to election. The officer in question shall have time to speak their side of the case and respond to the written allegations of misconduct, impropriety, or other grievance.

Section VII

For abuse of office, unapproved spending of club resources, or discrimination or other actions not in keeping with the rules of the college, a club officer may be impeached by unanimous vote of all other club officers. A club officer may not be impeached as the result of discrimination or for a minor offense. An election shall then commence at the next club meeting, no sooner than 24 hours before the articles of impeachment are made available, and shall follow the same procedure as a recall hearing and election. In this instance, a unanimous vote of the other club officers may call an emergency meeting. Upon impeachment, access to club funds shall be immediately suspended awaiting trial.

Section VIII

To qualify for any officer position in the club, all candidates must be voting members of the club, be enrolled in at least one unit worth of classes, and have a cumulative grade point average of no less than 2.0.

Article IV Meetings

Section I

Regular meetings shall ideally occur once a week and shall occur no less frequently than once a month unless due to extenuating circumstances.

Section II

In addition to the president, unanimous consent of the other club officers or the request of one quarter of a quorum shall be enough to call an emergency club meeting for which at least twenty four hours notice shall be given.

Section III

To conduct business, an advisor and a quorum must be present. In emergency cases, a unanimous vote by club officers shall be sufficient to temporarily enact new policy until the next meeting.

Article V Advisors

Section I

The club shall have one primary advisor and as many additional advisors as needed.

Section II

An advisor must be a current Las Positas College employee.

Article VI Amendments and Ratification

Section I

This constitution, once ratified by a two thirds majority of all club members, may be amended by a two thirds majority of a quorum.

Section II

A proposed amendment must be presented to the club at least one meeting in advance of its vote.