

# Math Club Constitution

## PREAMBLE.

We, the members of SBCC Math Club, to fully realize our goals of cultivating an interest in mathematics, improving upon our mathematical and analytical skills, as well as bring together students with these similar goals, hereby establish this constitution to guide and govern matters within our organization.

## ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this organization is hereby established as The SBCC Math Club and shall be referred to either as such or simply as The Math Club or Math Club on all official documents.

## ARTICLE II. Purpose

The purpose of the SBCC Math Club is to cultivate an interest in mathematics, improve upon mathematical and analytical skills, and to bring students with these goals together.

## ARTICLE III. Membership

### Section I. Eligibility

Membership shall be open to all SBCC students, faculty, and/or staff members with an interest in Mathematics. Enrollment in Math classes is not required for membership.

### Section II. Dues

Funding for this organization comes directly from Santa Barbara City College. Dues shall never be a requirement for membership at any time.

### Section III. Privileges

SBCC student members of the SBCC Math Club shall be given full voting privileges as stated in Article IV. Non-SBCC

student members shall not be considered voting members.  
Members shall also be invited to all club events and meetings.

## ARTICLE IV. Government

### Section 1. Voting

The SBCC Math Club is a primarily democratic organization, and shall hold elections to determine the officers as defined in Section 3. During these elections, all voting members shall have equal voting rights, regardless of their position in the organization.

### Section 2. The Council

The SBCC Math Club shall have a council of students who are committed to being active members of the organization. Council members shall attend at least 75% of all meetings. Admission onto the council shall either be granted by a simple majority vote from all current council members, by a 100% vote by the officers, or directly by the academic advisor.

### Section 3. Officers

The officers of SBCC Math Club are defined as follows:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer

### Section 4. Duties

The duties of the officers and council members are defined as follows:

- A. President
  - a. Overall highest ranking student member who presides over all council and club meetings.
  - b. Call special meetings when required.
  - c. Formulates the meeting plans along with the council.
  - d. Shall be present at all council meetings and at all major club events unless previously approved by our academic advisor or by all other officers.
  - e. Communicates with the Student Senate, as applicable.

- f. Meet with all officers and council members at least once per month.

B. Vice President

- a. Second highest ranking officer who assumes the duties of the president when required.
- b. Acts as head of MWR, and shall regularly speak and interact with members of the club.
- c. Shall speak with members of the club about prospective events and gauge interest.
- d. Shall be present at all council meetings and at all major club events unless previously approved by our academic advisor or by the club president.

C. Secretary

- a. Records meeting minutes for all council and club meetings.
- b. Completes paperwork for club events as applicable.
- c. Reserves rooms for various club events.
- d. Records club events utilizing various media such as pictures, video, etc.
- e. Shall attend all meetings and club events unless previously approved by our academic advisor or by the club president.

D. Treasurer

- a. Assists the secretary as applicable.
- b. Organizes various fundraising events.
- c. Keeps track of the budget and all financial accounts associated with the club.
- d. Shall keep all receipts associated with club events and meetings to be audited at the end of the semester.
- e. Assumes the duties of the Secretary, when required.
- f. Shall attend all council meetings and club events unless previously approved by our academic advisor or by the club president

E. Council

- a. The council shall assist all officers with their duties throughout the semester.
- b. Can remove any officer from their position with a 51% vote.
- c. Overall in charge of coming up with event ideas and

activities for the members.

- d. Shall attend all council meetings unless previously approved by our academic advisor or the club president.

#### Section V. Terms

Elections for officers shall be held at the beginning of each semester, with officers serving for 1 semester. No term limits are to be placed on officers of SBCC Math Club, as long as they keep winning elections. Council members shall serve until the end of the Spring semester after they are accepted onto the council.

### ARTICLE V. Meetings

The Articles of Confederation shall convene on Friday, September 16th in the Math Lab to determine the regular meeting times. General club meetings shall be held at least once a week, and council meetings shall be held at least once per month. The results of this meeting shall be reported to the Office of Student Life, room CC217.

### ARTICLE VI. Elections

#### Section I. General Elections

General elections shall be held during the first official club meeting of the semester. During this election, all members interested in running for an officer position shall be given at most 3 minutes to present their platform. All voting members present shall vote for each officer position via secret ballot. The academic advisor shall count the votes and declare the winners. The winners shall be those who win in plurality. The quorum shall be set at 1/2 of active membership. Active membership is hereby defined as members who have attended 2 meetings consecutively or all meetings if there have been less than 2. Members shall be considered inactive after missing 3 consecutive meetings. Members may run as a group for multiple positions, however, each officer position shall be voted for individually.

#### Section II. Special Elections

- A. A special election can be initiated by any council member or officer at any council meeting. If a special election is initiated, a quick vote will take place to determine if the election is valid, requiring a 33% vote to proceed. Any special election initiated by the academic advisor is automatically valid. The quorum for a special election is 80% of council

members.

- B. A special election may be held to remove an officer from office. A simple majority is required. If the officer is voted out, another special election shall be held immediately following this election to determine who the interim replacement shall be. This election shall be held by a show of hands, and the plurality of votes wins. At the next club meeting there shall be another general election to determine who the permanent replacement shall be.
- C. Any special election, unless otherwise specified, shall be determined by simple majority.

## ARTICLE VII. Amendments

Amendments to the constitution may be initiated by any council member or officer through a special election. The process shall be defined as follows:

- A. An officer or council member initiates a special election during a council meeting to amend the constitution.
- B. If the special election proceeds, and a simple majority vote to amend the constitution, the council will immediately determine what the amendment shall be and have the secretary draft it.
- C. At the next club meeting, the president shall present the amendment to the club, and a show of hands will determine the outcome. Quorum for this election shall be  $\frac{2}{3}$  of all active members, and a 67% vote is required for the amendment to be ratified.

## Article VIII. Authorities Not Listed

Any duties and responsibilities not officially stated are hereby granted to the academic advisor of SBCC Math Club. He may give these duties and responsibilities to any member or position he so chooses. The academic advisor is the highest ranking member of the club, and any issues or disputes that cannot be resolved by the council shall be decided by the academic advisor. The academic advisor has the authority to veto any decisions made by the council or by any officer.