

Santa Barbara City College Feminist Club

ARTICLE I - Name

1. The name of this organization will be Santa Barbara City College Feminist Club.
2. This organization will be a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-partisan, voluntary organization.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of the Feminist Club will be:

1. To establish a broad constituency to work in pursuit of feminist ideals -- social, political, and economic equality for all genders and ages.
2. To study and take action on national, state, local, and campus feminist issues.
3. To provide leadership and career building opportunities for feminist students.
4. To educate the college community about feminist issues.
5. To enhance the feminist community on campus.

ARTICLE III - Principles

1. The Feminist Club promotes gender equality and supports constitutional and statutory measures to gain full equality locally, statewide, nationally, and globally.
2. The Feminist Club supports safe, legal, and accessible abortion, contraception, and family planning, including Medicaid funding and access for minors.
3. The Feminist Club is dedicated to achieving civil rights for all people, including equity programs for women and people of color.
4. The Feminist Club supports lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and gay rights.
5. The Feminist Club does not permit discrimination on the basis of sex, race, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, religion, ethnicity, age, marital status, national origin, size, or disability.
6. The Feminist Club encourages programs directed at the preservation of the environment, clean air and water, the elimination of smog, toxic and hazardous wastes, chemical and nuclear weaponry.
7. The Feminist Club supports workers' collective bargaining, pay equity, and safe working conditions.

ARTICLE IV - Club Standards

1. Any student of Santa Barbara City College who agrees with the Feminist Club's purposes and principles as stated above may become an official club member by adhering to Santa Barbara City College guidelines for student club membership. Criteria for participation in the club include written agreement with the club's principles, commitment to participate in club activities, and interest in leadership opportunities.

2. The Feminist Club may not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, religion, ethnicity, or disability, and affirmatively seeks to achieve diversity among participants.
3. The Feminist Club shall establish a faculty advisor.
4. The Feminist Club shall hold at least one meeting per month during the school year.
5. The Feminist Club shall make efforts to establish links with feminist individuals and organizations within the community and on campus.

ARTICLE V - Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
2. Each executive board member shall have specific responsibilities as outline below, but none will hold more or less power than other officers.
3. Officers and members must be currently registered students at Santa Barbara City College.

President: The President presides over general meetings; acts as a spokesperson for the group; chairs the executive committee; and acts as a liaison to faculty, administration, student government, and faculty advisor.

Vice President/Co-President: The Vice President share dueis with the President.

Treasurer: The Finance Chair is responsible for handling all accounting for the club, submitting budget proposals, applying for school grants for other funding, and planning fundraisers. The Finance Chair reports on the status of the accounts at least once per semester.

Secretary: The Secretary is responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings as well as managing the club's social media accounts.

ARTICLE VI -- Meeting and Procedures

1. Member in Good Standing/Voting Eligibility
 - a. Members who attend at least 50 percent of the regularly scheduled meetings, are enrolled at Santa Barbara City College, and have been members for at least 15 days are considered members in good standing and are eligible to vote on organizational matters and in club elections.
 - b. Non-members and non-students are welcome to observe and participate in open campus club meetings, but may no hold offices or vote on organizational issues or in elections.
2. Election of Officers
 - a. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of eligible members present at the organizational meeting in the fall or spring.
 - b. All voting shall be done by secret ballot.

- c. Officers shall serve for the academic year following their election.
3. Removal of Officers: Any officer of the club who violates the organization's purpose or Constitution, injures the organization, or fails grievously to fulfill duties as stated may be removed from office by the following process:
 - a. Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting prepared to speak in her/his own defense;
 - b. Written notification to the membership; and
 - c. A two-thirds majority of member present is necessary to remove the officer.
 - d. The faculty advisor must be consulted throughout the process of officer removal.
4. Removal of Members: Any member of the club who violates the organization's purpose or Constitution or injures the organization may be removed from the group by the following process:
 - a. Written notification to the member of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting prepared to speak in her/his own defense;
 - b. Written notification to the membership; and
 - c. A two-thirds majority of member present is necessary to remove the officer; or
 - d. The Executive Committee, in consultation with the faculty advisor, may, through a simple majority, vote to remove the member from the club.
5. Replacement: Should an officer resign or be removed, a special election will be held to replace the officer.
6. Meetings: Regular group meetings will occur on at least a monthly basis at a time to be selected at the beginning of each academic term.

ARTICLE VII -- Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution must be approved by a two-thirds majority of members voting.