

M.E.Ch.A. Constitution

Section One. The title of this organization shall be MECHA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan)

ARTICLE II ORGANIZATION

Ideals and purposes shall be to increase awareness of the educational problems facing the Chicanos and to inform them of the opportunities and necessities of a higher education.

The organization shall (be sponsored by a faculty member.

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

A. Gathering information on the present situation of the Chicano Community in Santa Barbara County and to find the means of increasing representation of Chicanos in our colleges.

B. To create a greater sensitivity to the minority needs, and to narrow the communication gap between the actions of MECHA and the community.

C. To present college Chicanos. as a realistic and worthwhile goal for Chicanos.

D. To provide and refer aid, to help motivate and perhaps to change the adverse attitudes many Chicanos have towards higher education.

E. To see that programs are established to help the Chicano stay in college.

F. To inspire in the Chicano community the importance and beauty of the Chicano culture and personal heritage.

ARTICLE IV --- MOTTO

Section One. The motto of this organization shall be "UNITED ACTION, NOT DIVIDED TALK"

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Section One. Basis of membership:

A. Eligibility is open to students

Section Two. Loss of membership shall be when the member feels he is not serving the purpose of the organization.

Section Three. The membership fees for this organization shall be two dollars .~ (\$2.00) per semester, from both new members and continuing members.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section One. The officers of M.E.Ch.A. shall be a governing Executive Board consisting of four (4) members - Chairman, Executive Vice-Chairman, Executive Secretary, Treasurer.

Section Two. The duties of the Executive Board shall be as listed in Section I of the MECHA Bylaws (Santa Barbara City College Chapter).

Section Three. Election of officers shall take place during the beginning of each Fall semester on the second to the last meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members of M.E.Ch.A.

Section Four. Officers shall serve for one school year

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section One. MECHA shall hold approximately twenty (20) regular meetings on campus during the school semester. Additional meetings will be held when deemed necessary by the governing board.

Section Two. The time and place for meetings shall be determined by the members and the executive Board.

Section Three. A 50% plus one members of M.E.Ch.A. shall constitute a quorum for official meetings.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Section One. Amendments to this Constitution shall be made by a quorum of MECHA members.

Amendment One All members will present any plan or thought of action that will be beneficial to the goals and purposes of MECHA to the Executive Board before taking any action. Approval must be given before any action is to be taken on behalf of MECHA.

Amendment Two. Committees shall be formed by the Executive Board subject to the approval of MECHA members.