GLOBAL Climate Club Constitution and By-Laws

ARTICLE I: NAME & PURPOSE

Section A: Name – The name of this club shall be the GLOBAL Climate Club, short for Gavilan Leaders of Building a Livable Climate Club.

Section B: The purpose of this club shall be:

1. Climate Education
   a. Educate ourselves and the public about climate change.
   b. Organize events that feature speakers who are knowledgable about the science of climate change.

2. Campus involvement and community outreach
   a. Connect with Gavilan instructors to promote service learning projects related to climate change.
   b. Organize campus “challenges” that encourage individual action and awareness of carbon footprints.

3. Legislative advocacy/political activities
   a. Participate in public strikes that advocate for better climate policies locally and nationally.
   b. Contact Congress via phone and letter-writing.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section A: Eligibility - Membership shall be open to any Gavilan student, faculty, or staff member.

Section B: Inclusion - Membership in this organization shall not be denied to any person on the basis of race, creed, religion, sex, political affiliation, sexual orientation, or physical handicap.

Section C: This club will follow the procedures outlined in the constitution and by-laws of the ASGC and ICC.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS
Section A: Officers – The officers shall be a President, Secretary, and Inter-Club Council Representative.

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ARTICLE I: Qualifications and Election of Officers

Section A: Eligibility – Officers must be Gavilan College students.

Section B: Election – The officers shall be elected by ballot at the last meeting of the spring semester by a majority of the vote cast for that office.

Section C: Term – The officers shall serve for one year and their term of office shall begin at the commencement of the fall semester.

Section D: Vacancy – If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Secretary shall assume the office for the remainder of the term and vacancies in any other office shall be filled by a special election.

ARTICLE II: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A: President – It shall be the duty of the President to:

- Preside at meetings.
- Prepare an educational item for the meetings. This could be, for example, an informative video or article related to climate change.
- Vote only in case of a tie.
- Represent the club at events and activities.
- Maintain open communication with the club advisor.
- Perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office or as delegated.
- Actively pursue recruitment of new members.

Section B: Secretary – It shall be the duty of the Secretary to:

- Record the minutes of all meetings.
- Keep a file of the club’s records.
- Maintain a current roster of membership.
- Issue notices of meetings and conduct the general correspondence of the club.
• Actively pursue recruitment of new members.

Section C: The Inter-Club Council (ICC) Representative shall:
• Attend all ICC meetings.
  o Report on the discussion from ICC at the next club meeting.
  o If the ICC Representative is unable to attend, a substitute, usually another executive member will be sent chosen by the ICC representative.
  o Notify the president and advisor as soon as possible if unable to attend.
• Represent the club at events and activities.
• Perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office or as delegated.
• Actively pursue recruitment of new members.
• As necessary be a role shared by a variety of club members.

ARTICLE III:
MEETINGS

Section A: Meetings – Regular meetings shall be held weekly on Tuesdays from 5:15 to 6:15 pm during the regular school year.

Section B: Quorum – A quorum shall consist of 2/3 of the membership.

ARTICLE IV:
ADVISOR

Section A: Selection – there shall be a full time faculty/staff advisor. A co-advisor may be selected.

Section B: Duties – The responsibilities of the advisor/co-advisor shall be to:
• Maintain an awareness of the activities and programs sponsored by the GLOBAL Climate club.
• Meet on a regular basis with the club president to discuss upcoming meetings, long-range plans, goals, and problems of the club.
• Attend regular meetings.
• Assist in the orientation of new officers.
• Explain and clarify campus policy and procedures that apply to the club.
• Maintain contact with the Student Life Coordinator.
- Provide direction in the area of meeting facilitation, group-building, goal setting, and program planning.

- Inform club members of those factors that constitute unacceptable behavior on the part of the club members, and the possible consequence of said behaviors.

**ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS**

**Section A: Selection** – these bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the chapter membership.

**Section B: Notice** – All members shall receive advance notice of the proposed amendment at least five days before the meeting.

**ARTICLE VI: IMPEACHMENT / REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF OFFICER AND MEMBERS**

**Section A.** All elected officers may be subjected to impeachment and removal by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present.

**Section B.** Grounds for impeachment and removal from office are:

- Negligence of club duties.

- Any act of prohibited conduct as referenced in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

- A two-thirds vote of the membership present is required.

- Prior to impeachment/removal action, there must be a notice of intent listed on the agenda and given to the officer/club member in question.