

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 knowledgeable 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.
 - Report on the discussion from ICC at the next club meeting.
 - If the ICC Representative is unable to attend, a substitute, usually another executive member will be sent chosen by the ICC representative.
 - 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.