

Student Nurses' Constitution

PREAMBLE:

The Santa Barbara City College Student Nurses' Association (SBCCSNA) exists to promote a broader understanding of nursing and issues with affect the role of nurses today for both its members and the campus community at large.

ARTICLE 1: The Name of the organization shall be the Santa Barbara City College Student Nurses' Association (SBCCSNA).

ARTICLE 2: The purpose of the SBCCSNA shall be:

- A. To create a forum for the exploration of issues and events which pertain to the profession of nursing.
- B. To sponsor guest speakers and demonstrations related to the field of nursing the medicine.
- C. To serve as a forum for discussing issues and services unique to the nursing program at SBCC.
- D. To organize and sponsor a bi-annual graduation ceremony for nursing students.
- E. To increase student awareness of current events within the nursing program through a centralized distribution of information.

ARTICLE 3: The SBCCNSA is sponsored by the Health Technologies Department which shall provide a faculty advisor. The faculty member shall serve as an ex officio member. All issues within the association requiring a vote must be approved by a majority of its members present.

ARTICLE 4: Membership shall be open to any student actively enrolled in the nursing programs at SBCC. Members are permitted to invite guests to meetings of the SBCCSNA.

ARTICLE 5: Officers of the SBCCSNA shall include:

- A. President, who shall:
 - a. Develop the agenda and preside over all meetings of the association.
 - b. Direct all club projects.
 - c. Establish the formation of sub-committees as required, and appoint their membership.
- B. Vice president, who shall:
 - a. Assume all responsibilities of the president in the event of his/her absence.
 - b. Act as liaison between club officers and its membership.
 - c. Assist the secretary in publicizing the club.
- C. Secretary, who shall:
 - a. Assume responsibility for recording the minutes of each formal meeting and posting a copy of such minutes in an agreed upon location within the Health Technologies Department.
 - b. Maintain the club membership list.
 - c. Publicize meetings and special events held by the club.
- D. Treasurer, who shall keep an accounting of funds.

Terms of office shall be for one semester. New officers shall be elected at the closing meeting of the spring semester for service the following fall semester, and again at the closing meeting of the fall semester for service the following spring semester. Should a vacancy occur during the academic year the Steering Committee may call for special elections as needed, A formal written) call for such an election shall be distributed to all members at least two weeks prior to holding such an election. All members of the association are eligible to vote and officers will be elected by a simple majority.

ARTICLE 6: A Steering Committee shall be responsible for the responsible for the routine governance of the association and shall include all officers and three student representatives selected from the general membership. The faculty advisor is an ex officio member of the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE 7: Regular meeting of the association shall be open to all members and their guests and shall be held at least twice a month, at the convenience of the majority of the members. The Steering Committee shall meet at least as often, and at a time convenient to its membership. Special meetings of the association may be called by the acting President of the Steering Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the secretary to inform the club members of special meetings.

ARTICLE 8: This Constitution may be amended at a general meeting of the membership by a majority vote. Amendment proposals shall come from either the Steering Committee or by a petition of five or more of the general membership/ Upon receipt of such amendments, the Steering Committee shall issue a formal call for a meeting of the general membership no sooner than two weeks after the date of the receipt of the amendment.