

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF THE BAY AREA STUDENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES.

PREAMBLE: STATEMENT OF CREED. (TO BE ADOPTED)

ARTICLE I. PURPOSES OF THE ORGANIZATION.

- 1) TO OPPOSE THE EXISTENCE OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES ON THE BASIS OF ITS INFRINGEMENT OF THE RIGHTS GUARANTEED TO ALL CITIZENS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS, AND TO WORK FOR THE ABOLITION OF THIS COMMITTEE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
- 2) TO WORK FOR THE PRESERVATION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES FOR ALL AND TO FIGHT ANY AB-
RIGEMENT OF THE FREEDOMS GUARANTEED ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS UNDER THE CONSTITU-
TION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS.
- 3) TO PRESENT THE TRUTH ABOUT THE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE HOUSE COMMIT-
TEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES IN SAN FRANCISCO ON MAY 12-14, 1960.
- 4) TO RAISE FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE REMAINING EXPENSES OF THE TRIAL OF ROBERT MEISEN-
BACH.
- 5) TO ENCOURAGE THE FORMATION OF OTHER STUDENT CIVIL LIBERTIES ORGANIZATIONS ON
CAMPUSES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

ARTICLE II. DEFINITION OF MEMBERSHIP.

- 1) THE BODY OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL CONSIST OF ALL ITS MEMBERS.
 - A) A MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE ANY PERSON WHO HAS PAID AN INITIAL MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$2.00 TO THE TREASURER AND WHO SUBSCRIBES TO THE PUR-
POSES AS ENUMERATED IN ARTICLE I.

ARTICLE III. POWERS OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

- 1) THE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL RETAIN THE RIGHT TO MAKE ALL DECISIONS OF THE GROUP EXCEPT IN THOSE CASES WHERE SUCH A RIGHT HAS BEEN SPECI-
FICALLY GRANTED TO OFFICERS OR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BY THIS CONSTITUTION OR BY
THE MEMBERSHIP.
 - A) A MEMBER MAY VOTE AT ALL MEETINGS UNLESS HE IS MORE THAN TWO MONTHS IN AR-
REARS OF HIS DUES.
 - B) A NEW MEMBER SHALL ASSUME THE RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP ONE WEEK AFTER THE
TREASURER SUBMITS THE APPLICANT'S NAME TO THE MEMBERSHIP. THE CHAIRMAN
SHALL INTRODUCE ALL NEW VOTING MEMBERS TO THE MEMBERSHIP IMMEDIATELY AF-
TER CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER.
 - C) THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ELECT TEMPORARY SPOKESMEN FOR THE
ORGANIZATION AND LIASON REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.
 - D) THE MEMBERSHIP MAY ELECT TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE
CHAIRMEN IN CHARGE OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS, AT WHICH TIME THE DUTIES OF SUCH
OFFICERS SHALL BE DEFINED.
 - E) IN THE EVENT OF THE VACATION OF ANY PERMANENT OFFICE, THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL
ELECT A TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT TO SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR ELECTION.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

- 1) THERE SHALL BE WEEKLY MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION AT A TIME, PLACE AND EVENING OF THE WEEK DETERMINED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE V. NATURE OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

- 1) AT THE TIME OF THE APPROVAL OF THIS CONSTITUTION, A STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL BE CONSTITUTED TO CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING PERMANENT OFFICES: CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, RECORDING SECRETARY, TREASURER, AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF FORUM, FUND RAISING, LITERATURE, PUBLICATIONS AND SECRETARIAT.
- 2) THE MEMBERSHIP, BY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, MAY ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL PERMANENT OFFICES WHICH SHALL BE PART OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE.
- 3) AT THE TIME OF THE REGULAR ELECTION, THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL ELECT A CHAIRMAN FROM THOSE OFFICERS ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE AS ENUMERATED IN ARTICLE V. SECTION 1. TO SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR ELECTIONS. THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:
 - A) HE SHALL PREPARE AN AGENDA FOR THE MEETING.
 - B) HE SHALL CHAIR THE MEETING.
 - C) HE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING A QUORUM AT ALL MEETINGS.

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ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

- 1) EACH PERMANENT OFFICER, TEMPORARY OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SHALL MAKE WEEKLY REPORTS ON HIS ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS WHICH SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.
- 2) THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DUTIES OF THE PERMANENT OFFICERS ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE:
 - A) CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
 - A) SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE ORGANIZATION EXCEPT FOR THAT CORRESPONDENCE WHICH FALLS INTO THE AREA OF ACTIVITY OF ONE OF THE OTHER OFFICERS OR COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN.
 - B) RECORDING SECRETARY.
 - A) SHALL RECORD THE MINUTES OF ALL MEETINGS.
 - B) SHALL READ THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION.
 - C) TREASURER.
 - A) SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINANCES OF THE ORGANIZATION.
 - 1) SHALL DISPENSE FUNDS FOR ALL PROJECTS AND EXPENSES APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.
 - 2) SHALL DISPENSE FUNDS ONLY FOR PROJECTS AND EXPENSES APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

- B) SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECORD OF PAYMENTS OF MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DUES.
 - 1) SHALL ANNOUNCE THE NAME OF EACH APPLICANT FOR MEMBERSHIP NO MORE THAN ONE WEEK AFTER RECEIVING SAID APPLICANT'S MEMBERSHIP FEE. SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT SHALL BE THE FIRST ITEM IN THE TREASURER'S WEEKLY REPORT.
 - 2) SHALL INFORM BY MAIL ALL MEMBERS WHOSE DUES ARE TWO MONTHS IN ARREARS WITHIN THE FIRST WEEK OF EACH MONTH.
- D) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF FORUM.
 - A) SHALL PLAN AND APPROVE ALL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND PROGRAMS ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANIZATION.
 - B) SHALL SUBMIT ALL MAJOR PROJECTS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MEMBERSHIP.
- E) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF FUND RAISING.
 - A) SHALL PLAN AND EXECUTE ALL FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.
- F) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF LITERATURE.
 - A) SHALL BE IN CHARGE OF THE DISTRIBUTION AND PUBLICITY OF ALL ITEMS OF LITERATURE APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.
- G) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF PUBLICATIONS.
 - A) SHALL BE IN CHARGE OF THE PRODUCTION OF ALL PUBLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.
- H) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SECRETARIAT.
 - A) SHALL BE IN CHARGE OF PROVIDING SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE ON PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP.
 - B) SHALL BE IN CHARGE OF ALL MEMBERSHIP AND NATIONAL MAILINGS.

ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS.

- 1) ELECTIONS OF PERMANENT OFFICERS SHALL BE HELD SEMI-ANNUALLY DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY AND MAY. THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SECRETARIAT SHALL ANNOUNCE THESE ELECTIONS BY A MAILING TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS. SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS SHALL BE MAILED NINE DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING AT WHICH THE ELECTIONS SHALL BE HELD.
- 2) ALL PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, TEMPORARY SPOKESMEN AND LIASON REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE ELECTED BY A MAJORITY OF VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT.

ARTICLE VIII. LIMITATIONS OF POWERS.

- 1) ALL PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, TEMPORARY SPOKESMEN AND LIASON REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE BY THE MEMBERSHIP.
- 2) AT THE REQUEST FOR A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE BY TEN PER CENT OF THE VOTING MEMBERSHIP, THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SECRETARIAT SHALL ANNOUNCE BY A SPECIAL MAILING TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS THAT SUCH A VOTE WILL BE TAKEN. SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT SHALL BE MAILED NINE DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING AT WHICH SUCH A VOTE SHALL BE TAKEN.
- 3) A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE SHALL REQUIRE A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT.

BYLAWS.

- 1) THIS CONSTITUTION AND ITS BYLAWS SHALL SUPERCEDE THE PREVIOUS CONSTITUTION AND ITS BYLAWS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ARTICLE I, SECTION 1, SUB-SECTION B OF THE PREVIOUS CONSTITUTION WHICH SET THE BEGINNING DATE FOR DETERMINATION OF DUES IN ARREARS. THE PREVIOUS DECISION OF THE MEMBERSHIP TO ESTABLISH DUES AS FIFTY CENTS PER MONTH SHALL BE RESPECTED.
- 2) THE RESULTS OF THE LAST ELECTION OF OFFICERS BEFORE THE ADOPTION OF THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL BE RESPECTED AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE V. SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION. ELECTIONS FOR ALL VACANCIES WHICH EXIST ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL BE

HELD ON THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION. THOSE OFFICERS ELECTED SHALL SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR ELECTION.

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6) THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY STURGIS' STANDARD CODE OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY PROCEDURE AT ALL MEETINGS EXCEPT IN THOSE CASES WHERE IT IS CONTRARY TO
THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.
- 5) ALL ADDITIONAL PERMANENT OFFICES SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION. SUCH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS SHALL INCLUDE THE DUTIES OF THE
ADDITIONAL OFFICER.
- 3) APPROVAL OF THE CONSTITUTION AND ITS BYLAWS SHALL BE BY TWO-THIRDS OF THE
VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT.
- 4) AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS SHALL BE BY TWO THIRDS OF THE VOTING
MEMBERS PRESENT. THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SECRETARIAT SHALL
PRESENT THE TEXT OF ALL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS THROUGH A SPECIAL MAILING. SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT SHALL BE
MAILED NINE DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING AT WHICH SUCH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS SHALL
BE DECIDED UPON.
- 7) A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE TWENTY PER CENT OF ALL VOTING MEMBERS.
- 8) CONDUCT OF THE MEETINGS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:
- A) CALL OF THE MEETING TO ORDER.
 - B) ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW VOTING MEMBERS.
 - C) READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.
 - D) REPORTS BY EACH PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY OFFICER, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, TEM-
PORARY SPOKESMAN AND LIASON REPRESENTATIVE AND APPROVAL BY THE MEMBER-
SHIP OF EACH REPORT.
 - E) OLD BUSINESS.
 - F) NEW BUSINESS.
 - G) ADJOURNMENT.
- 9) THE AGENDA MAY BE CHANGED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN WITH THE APPROVAL
OF A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT.
- 10) AT THE REQUEST OF TEN PER CENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP, THE CHAIRMAN SHALL CALL
AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP. NO SUCH MEETING SHALL TAKE PLACE
UNTIL AT LEAST A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING MEMBERS HAVE BEEN INFORMED AND UN-
TIL THE CHAIRMAN OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE HAS ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT ALL VOTING
MEMBERS AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.
- 11) AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN, WITH THE APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE
VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT, THE DATE, TIME OR PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING MAY BE
CHANGED. NO SUCH MEETING SHALL TAKE PLACE UNTIL AT LEAST A MAJORITY OF THE
VOTING MEMBERS HAVE BEEN INFORMED AND UNTIL THE CHAIRMAN OR HIS REPRESENT-
ATIVE HAS ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT ALL VOTING MEMBERS AT LEAST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS
IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

* BYLAWS NOT NECESSARILY LISTED IN ORDER. PROPER ORDER DESIGNATED BY NUMBER
IN PARENTHESIS.

REPHRASING OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTION. (FOR PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION ONLY.)

ARTICLE V. SECTION 1): ADD A COMMA AFTER "PUBLICATIONS" (ELIMINATES AMBIGUITY)

SECTION 2): STRIKE ", BY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT," (NOTION PRECISELY STATED IN BYLAW 5)

ARTICLE VI. SECTION 2) C., A) 1) AND 2): COMBINE 1) AND 2) TO READ:

1) SHALL DISPENSE FUNDS FOR ALL PROJECTS AND EXPENSES APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP AND ONLY FOR PROJECTS AND EXPENSES APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP. (ELIMINATES REDUNDANCY)

ARTICLE VI. SECTION 2) C., B) 1) AND 2): REPHRASE TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

1) SHALL SUBMIT TO THE MEMBERSHIP, AS THE FIRST ITEM OF HIS WEEKLY TREASURER'S REPORT, THE NAME OF EACH APPLICANT FOR MEMBERSHIP WHO HAS GIVEN THE TREASURER HIS MEMBERSHIP FEE IN THE PERIOD SINCE THE LAST TREASURER'S REPORT.

2) SHALL INFORM BY MAIL, WITHIN THE FIRST WEEK OF EACH MONTH, ALL MEMBERS WHOSE DUES HAVE BECOME TWO MONTHS IN ARREARS SINCE THE PREVIOUS MONTH. (INCREASES CLARITY)

ARTICLE VI. SECTION 2) D., B): ADD AFTER "MAJOR PROJECTS:" "IN HIS ADMINISTRATIVE AREA" (ELIMINATES AMBIGUITY)

ARTICLE VII. SECTION 1: ADD "AT LEAST" AFTER "SHALL BE MAILED" (ELMINATES AMBIGUITY)

ARTICLE VIII. SECTION 2: SAME CORRECTION AS ABOVE (SAME REASON)

BYLAW 1): CHANGE "AS" TO "AT" IN LAST SENTENCE. (INCREASES CLARITY)

BYLAW 2): CHANGE "THE CONSTITUTION" TO "THIS CONSTITUTION" IN FIRST AND SECOND SENTENCES (MORE PRECISE)

BYLAW 3): SAME CHANGE IN FIRST SENTENCE (SAME REASON)

BYLAW 4): ADD "AT LEAST" AFTER "SHALL BE MAILED" IN LAST SENTENCE (SAME REASON AS ABOVE.)

BYLAW 8): ADD AFTER C): "D) GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS." AND MOVE LETTERS DOWN ON THE ITEMS OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA WHICH FOLLOW. (TO CONFORM TO THE ACCEPTED PROCEDURE IN THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS UNDER THE OLD CONSTITUTION.)