

THE ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER CLUB CONSTITUTION (2018-2019)

PREAMBLE: We, the members of the Asian-Pacific Islander (API) student community at College of the Redwoods, in order to represent the interests of the API community at this institution, do hereby establish the API Club. It is our aim to voice and support the common interests and concerns of the API community; to provide a forum for discussion, action, and exploration of issues of concern to students; to present and celebrate the richness of our diverse API backgrounds to the College of the Redwoods' community and beyond.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Asian-Pacific Islander Club, or API Club, is a student organization connected with the Multicultural and Diversity Center at College of the Redwoods, whose main purpose is to educate, promote, and encourage awareness of API cultures and traditions to the school and broader community. Through this, we strengthen our self-awareness, individually and as a whole, while standing together proud of our experiences and focusing on enhancing our school's future through education, organization, service, and action to promote consciousness of all API cultures, identities, and issues.

GOAL: Our goal is to extend, develop, and enhance support systems by contributing to the success of all students, with a focused emphasis on the API students, and by implementing various efforts and programs designed to promote academic, educational, social, and cultural achievement.

ARTICLE I: NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

Section 1: This organization shall be named The Asian-Pacific Islander's (API) Club.

Section 2: This organization shall comply with all recognized rules and regulations established by the Office of Campus Life, and is responsible to the school's authorities.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Section 1: To provide academic, social, emotional, and cultural support to all College of the Redwoods students, with a special emphasis on Asian-Pacific Islander students.

Section 2: To enhance API students' recruitment, retention, and graduation by corresponding to the needs of the students.

Section 3: To plan and implement steps to improve the quality of College of the Redwoods' education for API students by providing a network to handle API student's complaints and problems with solutions and empathy.

Section 4: To function as a liaison between College of the Redwoods and API students in providing information and assistance through an effective system by utilizing ideas and feedback from the students.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION

Section 1: Membership shall consist of all active members of the organization and the advisor.

Section 2: An active member is defined as any student, faculty, or staff member of the school who meets the following criteria:

- Is of Asian or Pacific Islander heritage.
- Is interested in the aforementioned heritages.
- Shows a commitment to the club by attending meetings and activities.

Section 3: No person shall be denied membership on the basis of sex, color, race, religion, age, nationality, social status, physical or mental disabilities, sexual orientation, or creed. The association complies with Title VI and Title IX of the Federal Educational Amendment.

Section 4: Members must pay the Student Activity Fee in order to join any student clubs on campus. The requirements of the Student Activity Fee will be determined at the by the Associated Students of College of the Redwoods (ASCR).

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND THE ORGANIZATION

Section 1: The officers of the organization shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Club Advisor. They shall be called the *Executive Committee*.

Section 2: The *President* shall a) preside over the meetings, b) appoint all committees deemed necessary and appropriate by the organization.

Section 3: The *Vice President* shall a) preside over the meetings in the absence of the President, b) notify all members of upcoming meetings.

Section 4: The *Treasurer* shall a) prepare the annual budget, b) be in charge of transacting and reporting all the organization's financial affairs, c) communicate all affairs to the President and/or Vice President bi-monthly.

Section 5: The *Secretary* shall a) take minutes of all meetings of the organization, b) be responsible for registering the organization each year with the Associated Students of College of the Redwoods (ASCR).

Section 6: Elections shall be held a) in April for the upcoming year for the office of President, b) in October of the school year for all other offices.

ARTICLE V: ADVISOR

Section 1: The *Advisor* shall be a faculty member of College of the Redwoods, chosen and agreed upon by a simple majority of all members of the club.

Section 2: The *Advisor* shall advise the officers of the Executive Committee on College of the Redwoods' objectives, rules, and regulations.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1: The organization shall hold its meetings twice a month during the academic year.

Section 2: Special meetings of the organization may be called by the *President* or the *Vice President*.

Section 3: Meetings of the *Executive Committee* shall occur at least once a month.

ARTICLE VII: VOTING PROCEDURES

Section 1: Only active members are eligible to vote.

Section 2: A simple majority of those active members present at the meetings is required to pass a motion or legislation. All members must be properly notified of all meetings.

ARTICLE VIII: LIABILITY WAIVER

Section 1: College of the Redwoods will not be held responsible in the event of injury or damage to any person or property as the result of an organization-sponsored activity.