

# SBCC For The Nerds Club Constitution

## **ARTICLE I. Name of Club**

The name of the club will be SBCC For The Nerds.

## **ARTICLE II. Purpose**

The SBCC For The Nerds club has been organized to provide a positive environment where gaming enthusiasts can connect and grow as a community.

## **ARTICLE III. Authority**

The Club derives its authority directly from the Student Senate and indirectly from the College Board of Trustees.

## **ARTICLE IV. Membership**

Membership is open to all SBCC students regardless of their race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, gender, age, dietary orientation, and or sexual orientation.

## **ARTICLE V. Meetings and Communication**

Regular meetings of the Club will be determined by the membership at its initial meeting each semester and reported to the Office of Student Life in room CC-217.

Almost all club communication—including announcements, meetings, and voting—will happen over the messaging platform Discord. Any student with a smartphone, computer, or web browser and an internet connection can easily join the club discord server at:

<https://discord.gamersunited.us>

## **ARTICLE VI. Officers**

President – Preside over all meetings. Call special meetings.

Vice President – Supports President takes over in their absence.

Secretary – Records minutes of Club meetings.

Treasurer – Keeps financial records.

All Officers will participate and help in the organization of special activities.

## **ARTICLE VII. Elections**

Officers will serve for one academic year (two semesters) and be elected during the last week of instruction (the week before finals week) of the preceding spring semester. The method of election (online, paper ballot, etc) will be determined by the officers during that spring semester and overseen by the faculty advisor.

## **ARTICLE VIII. Impeachment, Removal, and Replacement of Officers**

### **Section 1. Impeachment Process**

Any officer can be removed from office through the process of impeachment. Impeachment proceedings may be brought against any officer of the club if 51% of the club officers (henceforth referred to as the aggrieved party) agree to initiate impeachment proceedings. Grounds for impeachment include negligence or abandonment of duty to the club, severe infraction of SBCC policy while acting under the authority or representation of the club, or any action which intentionally and maliciously harms the organization and/or any of its members.

#### **1.1. Prior to Scheduling Impeachment Meeting:**

1. Each member of the aggrieved party must meet with the club advisor separately and provide any evidence of the officer's misconduct.
2. Should the club advisor deem it appropriate, any member of the aggrieved party will meet with the officer they want to impeach and the club advisor to attempt conflict resolution.
3. Only when such attempts at remediation fail can the impeachment hearing be set for the next regularly scheduled club meeting.

#### **1.2. The Impeachment Hearing:**

1. Must be overseen by the club advisor or a staff member appointed by the club advisor, should the advisor not be able to make it.
2. Must take place at the regular club meeting time while school is in session.
3. Must be attended by at least 10 non-officer members. These club members must have attended at least one club meeting prior to this meeting.

4. Cannot be run by either the officer being considered for impeachment nor any member of the aggrieved party.
5. The aggrieved party will choose one representative to explain to club members why they are pursuing impeachment and provide evidence of any misconduct. Their explanation should be no longer than seven (7) minutes.
6. Officer under impeachment will have the opportunity to defend themselves for no more than seven (7) minutes or for however long the representative of the aggrieved party spoke (whichever is longer).

The impeachment vote shall be taken at this meeting, with all club members eligible to vote. If 51% of members present at the meeting vote to impeach the officer, the officer in question will be removed from office and replaced. The impeached officer will not be allowed to run for any position for the rest of the year.

#### Section 2. Dereliction of Duty

During the course of the regular semester, an officer may be considered to have abandoned their post and may be replaced under the following circumstances:

1. Neither the club advisor nor the fellow officers have heard from the missing officer in at least two weeks.
2. AND Multiple attempts have been made over the course of two (2) weeks to reach out to the officer in question by every other officer and the club advisor using a variety of communication methods, with no response.
3. AND The officer has missed the two most recent officer meetings without notifying any of their fellow officers.

#### Section 3. Replacement

In the event of a vacancy—because of resignation, the above sections, or any other reason—the remaining officers should hold a special election for the position, overseen by the faculty advisor, within two (2) weeks, notifying the club members at least one (1) week prior.

#### **ARTICLE IX. Amendment Clause**

The Constitution shall be amended upon the approval of 70% of the Club members.