Brookdale Community College Food Science Club Constitution

Article I Name

Food Science Club

Article II Purpose

The Food Science Club educates members on the natural sciences (chemistry, biology, and physics) with a focus on its application in our food and the biological reactions to it. There is a larger emphasis on the underlying scientific principles over traditional recipes as we discover the "how's" and "why's" through hands-on demonstrations. The club aims to foster a deeper appreciation for the sciences for the general population by explaining the processes behind everyday aspects of life such as eating, health, and cooking. Club activities include but are not limited to: cooking, taste-testing, touring food-related establishments, growing small foods, and attending informative student presentations.

Article III Membership

Full membership in this organization shall only be available to students of Brookdale Community College regardless of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, or political, ethnic or religious affiliation. This organization shall not limit any member in the enjoyment of any right or privilege, advantage or opportunity.

Article IV <u>Executive Board</u>

Section 1 The Executive Board shall consist of a President, Vice President,

Secretary, Treasurer, three Public Relations Executives, and a Fundraising Coordinator. Students who serve in these leadership positions must be currently enrolled for a minimum of six college credits (active, not audit status) and must have an acceptable ratio of credits attempted to credits earned (as defined by the college catalog).

Section 2 Elections are held once a year. Active members elect the members of

the Executive Board, who will then be chosen by majority vote.

Nominations are made at the meeting prior to the election. All members are notified of the nomination prior to the election meeting. Nomination may be re-opened by majority vote.

Section 3 The President presides over meetings, acts as the spokesperson, calls meetings, and acts as the overall official for the Food Science Club. The Vice President directs special committees and takes the place of the

President in their absence. The Secretary records the meetings and formal business and writes letters for the organization. The Treasurer keeps the financial records of the organization, keeps the officers' roster up to date, and prepares the budget. The Public Relations Executives maintain the club's social media accounts, generate publicity of the club, and communicate with the public. The Fundraising Coordinator researches fundraising opportunities and communicates with external organizations to plan fundraising events.

Section 4

In the case of a vacancy in an executive position, the officer will undertake the role of both their current position and the position immediately above it. Two officers should be active at any given time.

Article V Meetings

Officers will decide the dates of meetings. The Food Science Club typically meets twice every month. The President and Vice President may call additional meetings.

Article VI Quorum

Two-thirds of the club's active members must be present in order for formal business to be validated. An active member is defined as one who attends at least one meeting every month.

Article VII Parliamentary Procedure

Questions of parliamentary procedure shall be decided by the organization and/or forms laid down in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VIII Finances

All monies of the organization shall be kept in a special account assigned by the ASBCC and the Office of Student Life & Activities. Use of allocated funds and earned income are governed by the ASBCC Finance Committee Guidelines. Authorized signatures for check disbursements will be kept on file with the ASBCC Treasurer and updated as needed.

Article IX Advisor

The advisor should be a regular employee of the College. The duties of the faculty/staff advisor will be as defined in the Role of the Brookdale Club & Organization Advisor. The advisor may participate in all activities of the organization. Advisor's roles begin July 1, and conclude June 30, of the following year.

Article X Rules

This organization shall abide by all applicable rules and regulations of the College and under the privileges as granted by the ASBCC. The rules and regulations are found in such documents as the Brookdale Community College Catalog, The Student Handbook, as well as the general regulations of the college as provided by the Board of Trustees, the State of New Jersey, and the Federal Government.

Article XI Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership, provided the amendment was submitted in writing at a previous regular meeting, and notice of the proposed amendment was given to all members at least one week before the meeting on the constitutional amendment. Before becoming effective, all amendments must be approved by the Student Life Board and Director of the Student Life and Activities following procedure for recognition.