Constitution of Behavior Analysis Student Association at Florida Tech

Article I

Name
Section 1 Behavior Analysis Student Association (BASA)

Article II

Purpose
Section 1 The purpose of the Behavior Analysis Student Association is to enrich the academic experience of those involved in the field of behavior analysis, to foster a sense of community as well as to educate future students through the dissemination of ideas and resources.

Article III

Membership
Section 1 Any persons interested in the field of behavior analysis who wish to gain knowledge and a sense of camaraderie at Florida Tech.
Section 2 There shall be two levels of membership in BASA:
   (a) Active Member: those persons paying dues. These persons are considered voting members of BASA and are eligible to receive compensatory benefits derived from BASA’s budget.
   (b) Associate Member: those persons interested in BASA who attend meetings but do not pay dues. These are not voting members and are not eligible to receive compensatory benefits.
Section 3 Membership is achieved through an application, meeting attendance, and paying dues after determining the level of membership.
Section 4 No vote shall be required to join.
Section 5 Misconduct as decided by 100% of voting members of the club, excluding the member in question, may result in expulsion or probation from the organization and its activities and/or meetings.

Article IV

Officers
Section 1 There will be four offices: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.
Section 2 The duties are defined as such:
   President—Voting member responsible for holding and maintaining meetings and events, delegating other responsibilities and providing leadership by example. The president is responsible for the maintenance of ethical practices by anything affiliated with the organization.
   Vice President—Voting member responsible for duties of president in said absence. Will act as the liaison between any event needing club representation.
   Treasurer—Voting member responsible for the management of the monies donated and raised by the club. The treasurer should be aware and able to report the exact status of funds at all times.
   Secretary—Voting member responsible for taking minutes of meetings and making these available to all members.
Section 3 To qualify to be an officer, a student must be an ABA graduate student in good academic standing with the university. Elections shall be held the last meeting of the spring semester for the following year. Nominations will be made from the floor prior to the last meeting of the year. Voting shall be made by ballot. Terms last two full semesters (fall–spring).
Section 4 Should vacancies occur before the completion of a term of office, the vacancy will be filled through the nomination and election of a replacement officer.
Article V  
Meetings  
Section 1  
General meetings shall be held twice per month during the fall and spring semesters.  
Section 2  
Meetings shall be open to all, members and non-members.  
Section 3  
Special meetings may be called by bringing concerns to the president or adviser.  

Article VI  
Organizational Structure  
Section 1  
Executive committee is currently unnecessary.  
Section 2  
To create a committee, the approval of president, adviser and vice president is needed.  

Article VII  
Faculty Adviser  
Section 1  
In order to qualify to be the BASA faculty adviser, the individual must be a full-time faculty or staff member at Florida Tech. Furthermore, this individual must be a member of the psychology department.  
Section 2  
The faculty adviser will be selected through nomination by members, agreement by the individual nominated and by a majority vote of active members.  
Section 3  
The term of office for the faculty adviser will be two full semesters (fall–spring).  

Article VIII  
Finance  
Section 1  
The amount of membership dues shall be determined by a majority vote at the first meeting of the year.  
Section 2  
Sources of organizational funding other than university funding will be raised by BASA.  
Section 3  
BASA will manage its own finances, but in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by Florida Tech.  

Article IX  
Amendments  
Section 1  
All amendments to this constitution must be made by the following process: (1) Any proposed amendment must be presented in writing to the membership; (2) Discussion should occur at a full meeting; (3) A vote for acceptance should occur at a following meeting to allow people time to think about the changes; and (4) The amendment shall become part of the constitution upon a majority vote.  

Article X  
Nondiscrimination Clause  
BASA at Florida Tech shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, handicap, veteran status or sexual orientation in the selection of its members or in its programs unless federal or state laws allow for such exceptions.  

Article XI  
Student Activities  
BASA at Florida Tech shall maintain a current registration form including a list of officers, their addresses, the name of the faculty adviser and the most recently amended constitution with the Office of Student Activities.