**SUSTAINABLE STUDENTS PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AND RESPONSIBILITY OF CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE**

**CONSTITUTION**

Adopted March 5, 2008

Revised October 15, 2015

**Preamble**

We, the Sustainable Students Promoting Environmental Action and Responsibility of Claremont McKenna College, in order to promote the ideals of sustainability through the education of persons, the encouragement of environmental discussion and service opportunities and the promotion of environmental activism and sustainable living within the community of the Claremont Colleges, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution for the Sustainable Students Promoting Environmental Action and Responsibility.

**Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Sustainable Students Promoting Environmental Action and Responsibility, hereinafter referred to as the “SSPEAR.”

**Article II. Purpose and Goals**

Section 1. SSPEAR is a vigorous and aggressive yet non-violent and peaceful movement for the defense of the natural environment and the advancement of sustainability.

SSPEAR’s mission is to raise awareness of environmental issues, the impact of climate change and responsible uses of the earth’s ecosystems and resources by planning events that educate and enlist humanity to practice sustainability and to protect and restore the natural environment.

Section 2. Statement of Goals

 To promote sustainability on the Claremont Colleges.

To increase awareness of climate change issues and sustainable ways of living.

**Article III. Membership**

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all students of the Claremont Colleges. Membership shall not be denied because of an individual’s age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender orientation, disability, or nationality.

Section 2. A Member shall be defined as any member of the Claremont Colleges who has attended at least two club meetings or functions and has expressed interest in environmental awareness and protection. A Founding Member shall be defined as any member of the Claremont Colleges who participates in the ratification of this Constitution. A Founding Member shall have all the rights and privileges of a member.

Section 3. Membership privileges shall include the opportunity to participate in all activities funded or sponsored by SSPEAR. All members have the right to vote. Any member may plan an event with the approval of the officers.

Section 4. There shall be no fee for membership.

Section 5. The officers may deny or remove membership from any individual who violates the Constitution or who engages in gross misconduct.

**Article IV. Non-Discrimination Clause**

Section 1. SSPEAR will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, class marital status or disability.

**Article V. Duties of Officers.**

Section 1. Elected officer positions of SSPEAR shall be: President, Secretary and Webmaster, Publicity Director and Events Coordinator, and Garden Coordinator

Section 2. All officers shall be required to attend all meetings. In the event that an officer is unable to attend a meeting, the officer shall notify the President.

Section 3. The President shall:

1. Preside at all meeting of SSPEAR.
2. Act on behalf of SSPEAR and maintain the general well-being of SSPEAR.
3. Oversee the administration of SSPEAR.
4. Serve as the spokesperson for SSPEAR.
5. Preserve and safeguard the records and files of SSPEAR.
6. Appoint all committees.

Section 4. The Secretary and Webmaster shall:

 A. Record and share the minutes for officer and member meetings.

B. Update the club website with new events, photos, documents, etc.

Section 5. The Publicity Director and Events Coordinator shall:

1. Publicize club, campus, and other relevant events through email, Facebook, and Ventfull
2. Design, or delegate designing flyers and other outreach materials
3. Maintain a master calendar of major club events for the year
4. Register events, reserve rooms and spaces, and ensure any items needed are purchased and brought to the event.

Section 6. The Garden Coordinator shall:

1. Maintain the CMC Garden, planting schedule, and watering schedule
2. Organize compost bin checkout and compost collection
3. Plan events to teach about and enjoy the garden

**Article VI. Election Procedures**

Section 1. Elected officer positions of SSPEAR shall be: President, Secretary and Webmaster, Publicity Director and Events Coordinator, and Garden Coordinator

Section 2. Qualifications

1. Active members of SSPEAR who are in good standing and have attended at least three consecutive meetings are eligible.
2. Candidates may be required to submit a candidate statement for the office desired.
3. Any member seeking election for an EC officer position must be a full-time student of Claremont McKenna College.

Section 3. Elections

1. Officers shall be elected democratically, by direct voting of the members via an electronic ballot.
2. Elections shall be for positions for the following academic year and held at the end of each academic year.
3. Members will be notified at least one week in advance of upcoming elections.
4. Any active member may nominate him/herself or any other active member for office.
5. An officer shall be elected with the majority of the votes cast by the members via an electronic ballot.

**Article VII. Meetings**

Section 1. General meetings shall be conducted at least as frequently as one meeting per week from September through April.

Section 2. The meetings shall take place at Crown Hall Lounge, every Friday at 7:30 PM, subject to change.

**Article VIII. Amendments**

Section 1. Amendments may be proposed by the members of SSPEAR.

Section 2. A two-thirds vote of members as defined by the Constitution who are present shall be required for the ratification of this Constitution and any proposed amendments.

**SSPEAR’s Mission Statement:**

SSPEAR's mission is to raise the awareness of our impact on the environment as individuals and as an institution as a whole, to inspire action through this awareness, and to permanently instill environmental responsibility into the mindsets and lifestyles of students at Claremont McKenna College. We believe in raising this awareness through service towards the community, educating our fellow students on resource conservation and energy efficiency, and implementing new programs and ideas where we see the college is lacking in terms of environmental responsibility.