Bakersfield College
Students for the Truth - Constitution

Preamble
The purpose of Christians on Campus is to practice the oneness among Christians in a practical way, to study the Bible, to strengthen one another in our Christian walk, and to share the love of Christ with our fellow students.

Article I: Name
The name of this organization is: Students for the Truth

Article II: Purpose, Aim, Functions of the Organization
The purpose of this organization is:

- To provide complimentary study Bibles (*Recovery Version*) to any BC student who would like to receive one.
- To help students know Christ as the Word of God by learning to use the *Recovery Version*’s extensive Bible study tools (outlines, footnotes, and cross-references).
- To connect BC students with other Christian students in the area and with Christian families in the local community.
- Other Club Sponsored Events:
  - Weekend Retreats for prayer, fellowship, and in-depth Bible study. Attended by students from many other universities across the Northwest region (UCLA, UC-Berkley, CalState LA, CalTech USC, etc).
  - Bakersfield area community outings on Saturdays with community members and students from other local area universities for Bible seminars, picnics or BBQs, and recreational activities with singing, praising, and fellowship.

Article III: Statement of Faith
Students for the Truth holds the faith, which is common to all believers (Titus 1:4, Jude 3):

- The Bible is the complete divine revelation inspired word-by-word by God through the Holy Spirit.
  2 Peter 1:21, 2 Timothy 3:16
- God is uniquely one, yet triune – the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.
  1 Timothy 2:5a, Matthew 28:19
- The Son of God, even God Himself, was incarnated to be a man by the name of Jesus Christ.
  John 1:1, John 1:14
- Christ died on the cross for our sins, shedding His blood for our redemption.
  1 Peter 2:24, Ephesians 1:7a
- Christ resurrected from among the dead on the third day.
1 Corinthians 15:4
- Christ ascended to the right hand of God to be Lord of all.
- Whenever any person repents to God and believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, he is regenerated (born again) and becomes a living member of the one Body of Christ.
- Christ is coming again to receive His believers to Himself.
  1 Thessalonians 2:19

**Article IV: Membership**
- General members
  - Students for the Truth welcomes people from every race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, veteran status, ancestry, or national or ethnic origin.
  - Any member of Bakersfield College – Bakersfield community who expresses interest in the purpose of the club stated in Article II and attends at least three meetings within the last calendar year will be recognized as a general member of this organization.
- Voting members
  - Any member of the Bakersfield College – Bakersfield community who attends at least 50% of the large group meetings, the prayer meetings, or the meetings of the small groups and is certified by the officers and community staff is eligible to be a voting member of this organization.
- Community staff members
  - The officers will appoint three or more community staff members from the alumni and supporting community members.
  - Any community staff member who attends at least 50% of the large group meetings, the prayer meetings, or the meetings of the small groups and is certified by the officers is eligible to be a voting member of this organization.
- At all times the membership of this organization will contain at least 5 Bakersfield College students.
- No payment or dues are required to obtain membership at any level in this organization and it is our intention to have all club events and activities are funded solely by the club.

**Article V: Officers**
- This organization will consist of three officers: President, Treasurer, and Secretary/ICC representative.
- As a requirement of the Bakersfield College, a faculty member will be listed as one of the officers of the club.
- All officers must be part-time or full-time undergraduate fee-paying students (University student fees).
Article VI: Officer’s Responsibilities

- The responsibilities of the officers are:
  o To maintain and advance the purpose, policies, and program of this organization in accordance with its unique goals.
  o To ensure the continuation of this organization from year to year.

- President:
  o The President shall call, preside over, and adjourn official meetings of this organization.

- Treasurer:
  o All funding matters are the responsibility of the Treasurer.

- Secretary/ICC representative:
  o The Secretary shall be the official representative of the organization to all other organizations and the Student Activities Office.
  o The Secretary will keep updated minutes of all meetings of the organization.
  o The Secretary will be responsible for maintaining correspondence between appropriate parties.
  o The Secretary will be responsible for signing all necessary paperwork with the Student Activities Office and is the sole signatory for the funds of the organization.
  o The Secretary will be responsible for maintaining a membership list of all official members.

Article VII: Elections and Removal

- Election of officers
  o Election of officers shall occur each spring semester no later than the last day of classes.
  o The election process shall be overseen by the Secretary.
  o Quorum for holding elections is 50% or greater of the average attendance of the regular large group meetings of the term in which the elections take place. The average attendance shall be certified by the Secretary.
  o Candidates can be nominated with the support of two or more certified members.
  o Election of officers shall be determined by simple majority rule.
  o The election shall be by voice vote and the results shall be deemed valid when certified by the Secretary.
  o Term of office runs for one year, beginning from the end of the spring semester (i.e., the day following the last day of classes).

- Removal of officers
  o Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the voting members.
Article VIII: Meetings

- Larger group meetings are scheduled and smaller group meetings are arranged to meet the student’s schedules.
- Home meetings for students in community homes are scheduled usually with meals followed by singing and Bible Study.
- Additional meetings and events may be scheduled as deemed necessary by the officers.
- Meetings for the discussion and presentation of matters pertaining to the life and purpose of the organization will be held as the occasion warrants.
- Business meetings for the election of the officers shall be held annually at the end of the spring semester.

Article IX: Amendments

- This constitution shall be adopted by the unanimous decision of the leadership of the organization.
- Quorum for amending this constitution shall be 50% of the voting members of this organization.
- This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members, provided that no change is made in Article III.
- Article III may only be amended with the consent of the officers and community staff members and with a unanimous vote by two-thirds of the eligible members.

Article X: Affiliations with other groups

- We are affiliated with Christians on Campus groups at scores of colleges and universities in the United States and several foreign nations. Some of our affiliated groups are:
  - Christians on Campus at UT Austin,
  - Christians on Campus at UT Dallas,
  - Christians on Campus at UC Berkeley,
  - Christians on Campus at UC Irvine,
  - Christians on Campus at UCLA,
  - Christians on Campus at UC Riverside,
  - Christians on Campus at University of South Florida,
  - Christians on Campus at University of Washington,
  - Christians on Campus at University of Houston,
  - Christians on Campus at University of Oklahoma,
  - Christians on Campus at University of Minnesota,
  - Christians on Campus at University of Michigan,
  - Christians on Campus at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,
  - Christians on Campus at University of Illinois at Chicago,
  - Christians on Campus at Washington State University,
  - Christians on Campus at Northwestern University,
  - Christians on Campus at Rice University, etc.