

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name

The Climate Action Club (CAC)

Section 2: Mission/Purpose

The Climate Action Club will provide the students of CSB/SJU a place to discuss climate change on all levels, scientifically, politically, economically, and socially.

The Climate Action Club recognizes that climate change is happening now, with increasing impacts projected for the future. We value direct action to eliminate our impact on climate change, but also value education and critical discussion pertaining to the problem. In response to these increasing climate impacts, we will promote practical changes to further reduce CO2 emissions of the CSB/SJU community and help both institutions reach their CO2 emission reduction goals, helping to bring students directly into the efforts CSB and SJU are putting forth to reach these goals. Another main goal of the Climate Action Club is to offer a place for students interested in the Universities' recent accomplishment of receiving observer status to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to engage and become directly involved in this event. While pursuing the aforementioned goals, it is important to stay consistent with both institutions—SJU and CSB—in the understanding and appreciation of the Benedictine Tradition. One of the problems leading to climate change we would like to address is people unable to live in moderation. Both the Benedictine Tradition and climate change rely on this value, and we would like to promote it.

Article II: Membership and Dues

Membership is open to any undergraduate student on the CSB/SJU campuses with an interest in our mission. There are no membership dues. An active member is a member who attends at least one CAC event a month.

Article III: Government

The affairs and policy of the CAC are under the responsibility of the board of directors, which consists of the President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the club.

Section 1: Responsibilities:

President:

- Responsible for club meetings
- Primary contact with institutions
- Collaboration with other groups and clubs on campus

- Including keeping in strong contact with advisor, and other faculty involved in the club.
- Represents the CAC at events and campus functions
- Delegating duties to the Vice President and Treasurer
- Communication with the JCB

Vice President:

- Manages membership including reaching out to current members as well as actively recruiting.
- Scheduling events (attendance, funds necessary for event, and location)
- Assist the President with duties.
- Communication with the CFB.

Treasurer

- Keep track of the CAC's account and allocated funding.
- Assist the Vice President and President with their duties

Section 2: Vacancy in Office

In the event the President should be absent or resign, than the Vice President is the next in command followed by the Treasurer.

Section 3: Removal of Officers

An officer can be removed from office when 50% of club members vote for the removal including 2 officers in favor. Eligibility to vote if a member has attended a club event in the last 30 days.

Article IV: Elections

Section 1: Nomination Process & Elections

Current officers will nominate members. The members who are eligible to vote (see removal of officers) will than vote. When there needs to be a new president, the Vice President will take over in place, and a new Vice President will be elected. If the majority of the club disagrees with this, than they may challenge the new president with a vote.

Article V: Advisor

Section 1: Selecting an Advisor

The President and Vice President are responsible for finding and contacting an advisor.

Section 2: Duty of Advisor

The duties of the advisor consist of assisting the club with special events, as well as keeping the CAC updated on CSBSJU's current UNFCCC observer status.

Article VI: Meetings & Events

Section 1: Club Meetings

Club Meetings should occur at least one time a month.

Section 2: Events

Events should be held at least once every 3 weeks. Ideally more.

Section 3: Special Meetings

In the event that something goes wrong in the club, or the club faces a serious obstacle, the President can call a mandatory meeting at anytime. The attendance of the Vice President and Treasurer as well as the members potentially involved in the situation that called for this meeting to be necessary.

Article VII: Finances

Section 1: Co-Funding Board

The club intends on applying for CFB monies. If allocated resources, the CAC will follow all institution and CFB regulations

Section 2: Honorarium

The CAC does not give honorariums to any member of its board of directors.

Section 3: Dues

The CAC welcomes all interested students as members and there are no dues required for admittance to the club.

Article VIII: Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the membership voting in person or by proxy at any regular or special meeting; provided that pre-posted amendment shall have been considered at a previous board meeting by the board of directors.