The Berklee Astronomy Club
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1: Title
The Berklee Astronomy Club

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE
The purpose of the Berklee Astronomy Club is to teach and discuss with students about the various aspects of astronomy, and to inspire them to remain open-minded and attain a deeper understanding of life, music, and philosophy.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Active Members
Active membership is open to all Berklee College of Music students. They have the right to vote and hold office.

Section 2: Associate Members
Associate membership is open to faculty and interested people outside the College setting. For example, students from Boston Architectural Center, Boston Conservatory, Emerson College, Massachusetts College of Art, and School of the Museum of Fine Arts. They may not vote or hold office.

Section 3: Alumni Members
Alumni membership is open to former Berklee students who were members of the club; they may not vote or hold office.

Section 4: Membership Rules or Order
All students with any interest in astronomy and philosophy are welcomed. Berklee College of Music student clubs shall not deny membership to any student on the basis of race, age, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, veteran status or disability.

Section 5: Duties of Members
Attendance to all the meetings is not required; members must be respectful of their peers’ perspectives.

Section 7: Removal of Members
If a member is constantly disrupting the meetings and being disrespectful of other club members, they may be removed from the club. There are no policies regarding the removal of members due to attendance, as attendance is not mandatory.
ARTICLE IV - ELECTED OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers
  President
  Vice President

Section 2: Duties of Officers
  President
    The President directs and oversees the club, plans events, manages meetings and communication with members, and promotes the club.
  Vice President
    The Vice President also manages meetings, helps plan events, promotes the club, and manages the budget.

Section 3: Election of Officers
  Elections are held depending on the amount of students interested in holding an executive position and have a relative knowledge of astronomy. If there is an open position and students are interested, they will be required to sign up to be voted upon. With the approval of the officers, the elections will be held during a meeting, and will be decided with a secret ballot. The required amount of votes for election is more than all the oppositions.

Section 4: Removal of Officers
  An officer will be removed for disciplinary reasons or lack of performance and attendance during regular meetings and executive meetings.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1: Business/General Meetings
  Meetings are held at least once every week, in the same room at the same time arranged by the President. During voting processes, a majority of attendance will be required.

Section 2: Executive Board Meetings
  Executive Board Meetings are also held every week at the same time and same place.

ARTICLE VI – ADVISOR

Section 1: Election
  Elections will be held once an advisor decides to withdraw as a current advisor. If more than one advisor is interested, an election will be held by club members with executives holding veto power. **The advisor must be a Berklee faculty/staff member who has an interest in serving as an advisor. Both the**
faculty/staff member and the club members can mutually determine the level
of involvement of the advisor.

Section 2: Qualifications
The advisor must have interest and/or knowledge about astronomy. The advisor may not vote but can offer advice to the club.

Section 3: Duties
Duties of the advisor include monitoring the mailing list and attending at least two meetings during the semester.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS
If an amendment is to be made to the current constitution, it will be brought up during the executive meetings and agreed upon by all executive members. This constitution may be amended at any regular business/general meeting of the club by two-thirds vote of active membership, provided that the amendment has been submitted to the membership in writing at least one week prior to the business meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – ACCOUNTING AND FINANCES
Funding and budgeting will handled by the Vice President, with help from the President.