IISA CONSTITUTION

Article 1: The Name

The name of the association is Italian International Students Association (acronym IISA).

Article 2: Statement of Purpose

The Italian International Student Association (IISA) is a cultural organization founded by Italian students at the University of California, Berkeley.

The purpose of IISA is to spread the understanding of Italian culture by promoting many of its aspects, namely tradition in the arts, history and lifestyle. Moreover, IISA will help create and strengthen ties between Italy and people living in the Bay Area interested in the Italian culture. IISA wishes also to encourage the exchange of ideas and points of view between Italians and non-Italians to foster reciprocal knowledge and mutual respect.

To achieve its goals, IISA will promote events such as exhibitions, symposia, music, theatre, film and food festivals revolving around Italian culture. These events will be the product of voluntary work of members of IISA. All IISA activities are open to people interested in discovering or enriching their knowledge of the Italian culture.

Article 3: The Assemblea (Membership)

3.1.1 The Assemblea (Assembly) and the Consiglio Direttivo (Board of Directors) compose the Association.
3.1.2 Active and Non-Active Members compose the Assemblea.
3.1.3 The founders of IISA are Honorary Members.

3.2 Active Members

3.2.1 Students, staff and faculty of UC Berkeley are eligible to become Active Members.
3.2.2 Individuals interested in becoming Active Members need to find a sponsor among the presently Active Members, who will introduce them to the Consiglio Direttivo. The Consiglio Direttivo will decide to admit them or not. According to California State Law, the Consiglio Direttivo will not henz and restrict membership based upon ethnicity, gender, age, social status, religion, sexual orientation or disability.
3.2.3 Active members need to renew their membership annually.
3.2.4 Only Active Members have the right to vote for the Officers of the Consiglio Direttivo.
3.2.5 Five or more Active Members have the right to propose an activity to the Consiglio Direttivo, which will vote for the inclusion of the event in the IISA Activity Plan.
3.2.6 Active Members proposing an activity to the Consiglio Direttivo have the right and the duty to take part in the proposed activity, in accordance with the suggestions given by the Consiglio Direttivo.

3.3 Non-Active Members

3.3.1 People not affiliated with UC Berkeley are eligible to become Non-Active Members. Non-Active members can participate to the meetings. Non-Active members can participate in the organization of IISA events if delegated by the Consiglio Direttivo.
3.3.2 People interested in becoming Non-active Members need to submit an application and a statement of purpose to the Consiglio Direttivo which will decide on their admission.
3.3.3 Non-Active Members do not have the right to vote or run for the Consiglio Direttivo Offices.
3.3.4 Non-Active Members cannot solicit funds on the campus on behalf of the Association.
3.3.5 Non-Active Members can propose ideas for events to the Consiglio Direttivo if supported by other five Active Members.

Article 4: The Consiglio Direttivo (Board of Directors)

4.1.1 The Consiglio Direttivo is IISA’s executive and legislative organ.
4.1.2 The Consiglio Direttivo is made of four Active Members elected by the Active Members every four months.
4.1.3 Each member of the Consiglio Direttivo has the right to resign at any time. In such case, the next member on the list of people voted by the Active Members will be automatically and immediately elected.

4.2 Elections

4.2.1 During the first meeting of the Assemblea at the beginning of each four months office period, all the present Active Members elect the Consiglio Direttivo.
4.2.2 Active Members who want to run for Consiglio Direttivo Offices have to present a reasonable four months Activity Plan for IISA. The Plan should be done realistically. A general time line, feasibility of the activities and interest of the general public should be included in the Plan.
4.2.3 Each Active Member can express a maximum of two preferences for the election of the Consiglio Direttivo.
4.2.4 The four people that receive the most votes are elected members of the Consiglio Direttivo. In case two or more people receive the same number of votes, priority is given to older members.
4.2.5 The person who receives the most votes will automatically be nominated President of Consiglio Direttivo. In case two or more people receive the same number of votes, priority is given to oldest member.

4.3 Officers

4.3.1 The president is in charge of the political and administrative policies, promotes and coordinates activities, issues decisions and regulations of the Association, represents the association in all activities, calls the Board Meetings and presides general meetings.
4.3.2 The president can decide in the interest of the Association on issues not clearly stated in this constitution.
4.3.3 The President will assign the offices to the elected members of the Consiglio Direttivo. The offices are treasurer, secretary and vice president.
4.3.4 The treasurer is responsible for the financial status and handling of IISA funds and will report on them during each meeting.

Article 5: Meetings

5.1 The Consiglio Direttivo has the duty to decide and implement IISA activities for the four months of office.
5.2 At the first general meeting of each four months office period, the newly elected Consiglio Direttivo decides the locations and the schedule of the meetings for their office period and the location and date for the next election meeting for the subsequent office period.
5.3 The Consiglio Direttivo will vote on all the activities proposed by the Assemblea as described in 3.2.5, or proposed by any single member of the Consiglio Direttivo.
5.4 An activity is approved if the majority of the members of the Consiglio Direttivo agrees to it.
5.5 The officers of the Consiglio Direttivo take on the complete responsibility for the happening of the events sponsored and organized by IISA, including financial responsibility. The Consiglio Direttivo is the sole responsible for the supervision of the event.
5.6 The Consiglio Direttivo can delegate duties to all Active and Non-Active members. Priority duties should be assigned to members of the Assemblea who proposed the event.
5.7 The President only can call for a special Emergency Meeting. The President has to notify all the members at least 24 hours in advance.

Article 6: Constitution Amendment

The Consiglio Direttivo cannot change this Constitution. This Constitution can be changed ONLY:
- if a proposal for a change on the Constitution is formulated and supported by at least 30% of all Active Members during a meeting,
- if at least 70% of all Active Members are present in such meeting;
- and if 80% of the present Active Members vote in favor.
Article 7: Dissolution

The dissolution of the Association is decided upon the approval of 70% of the Active Members. In case of dissolution, the Consiglio Direttivo decides the distribution of all Association funds. Unspent funds from the A.S.U.C. or the Graduate Assembly remain property of the A.S.U.C. or of the Graduate Assembly respectively. Any privately obtained funds are to be donated to non-profit organizations.