Purpose: The purpose of the FCHS Astronomy Club is to allow students to pursue interests in astronomy and sub-astronomy topics such as astrophysics and astrobiology. This will be done in a variety of ways, including but not limited to: lectures, games, possible trips, and guest speakers. The club will have 2 sections, General Astronomy and Competitive Astronomy. General Astronomy will aim to cover Astronomical topics using the methods mentioned above and will allow members to learn more about their own specific interests. The purpose of Competitive Astronomy will be to participate in competitions through either outside competitions in the type similar to Robotics or Science Olympiad, in-school competitions, or competitions against other schools. The Competitive Astronomy portion of the club will be focused on fast-paced study based on topics picked for the competition and will be available voluntarily to any students who want to deepen their knowledge in higher-level Astronomy. This club will resemble the former Astronomy club led by Mr. Rockelein which, due to the graduation of all officers and the leave of Mr Rockelein, was dissolved until redone under a new sponsor (Ms. Ana Ille) and student founders.

## Bylaws:

- 1. Ms. Ille serves as Club Sponsor.
- 2. Membership: membership is open to any FCHS student who wants to join. To officially become a member the fee to join will be 10 dollars to fund club activities.
- 3. Meetings: Meetings will be held once or twice, every 2 weeks, changing based on the availability of officers and members. Meetings will be held in Ms. Illes room (124) and will be lecture or game formatted.

## 4. Club structure:

- I. Sponsor: Approves club activities and officiates anything necessary from the school administrative standpoint.
- II. President: Leads the club in organizing meeting dates and activities held during meetings. The president will communicate with other clubs to organize events within the club and any school events in which clubs participate. The President will be informed of all club activities and will help officers when needed.
- III. Astronomy General Vice President: Works directly with the Lecture Officer and Marketing Officer to create meeting plans and activities for the general portion of the Astronomy Club. They are responsible for ensuring that presentations and activities are ready for each meeting.
- IV. Competitive Astronomy vice president: Works with the competition team in order to have separate meetings and communicates with any competition directors or organizers to understand competition structure. Leads the competitive team.
- V. Lecture Officer: This role is special to lectures in which the officer has to be informed on the topic to be presented during meetings. They primarily work with General Astronomy to get information on the topic for the presentation. They work with the General Vice President to make sure lectures are held correctly.

- VI. Club secretary: Keeps track of club funds and paperwork, and communicates with possible guest speakers. They will find specific details for in-school, and out-of-school events
- VII. Marketing officer: Tasked with the advertisement and "look" of the club. Creates recruitment posters and makes presentation styles appropriate for the topic presented. They are also in charge of any club social media.
- 5. Governing policies: Maintain any governance set forth by FCHS such as the code of conduct and other official documents. Maintain a professional and respectful standard while in club meetings.
- 6. Competition Club Specifics: Maintain Forsyth Central's, and thus the Astronomy Club's, obligation to facilitate a responsible and productive environment in all participating competitions. Failure to do so will result in removal from the team. A separate fee may apply if competitions require so.
- 7. Field trips will be determined based on availability of events and officers, same goes for the use of club telescopes.