Bylaws of the Davis Computer Science Club

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Article I. Name and Purpose

Section i. Name

The name of the organization shall be called the Davis Computer Science Club, hereinafter referred to as DCSC.

Section ii. Purpose

The purposes of DCSC are:

1. This organization is operated for educational and career purposes to promote the following:
   (a) An increased knowledge of and greater interest in both theoretical and applied computer science.
   (b) Greater relations between students and faculty in the Computer Science Department at the University of California, Davis.
   (c) A means of connection between students interested in the field of computer science.
   (d) Empowerment of members through engaging opportunities and cultivation of professional development.
2. This organization will serve the students, faculties, and affiliates at the University of California, Davis.

Section iii. Actions

The Davis CS Club shall fulfill its purpose with these actions including, but not limited to the following:

1. Represent the interests of its members through Core Officers.
2. Allocate the annual budget and oversee the maintenance of all Budgetary Reserves in the manner it deems as the best interests of the club.
3. Take official stances and undertake projects and actions on issues that are of importance to the club, its members, and is within constraints of our stated purpose.

Section iv. Duties and Responsibilities

The Davis CS Club shall:

1. Perform all duties and responsibilities as specified in the Davis Computer Science Club Bylaws.
2. Hold meetings in accordance with the Davis CS Club Bylaws.
3. Publicize and communicate the Actions of the club to the appropriate student body.
4. Oversee all Actions and programs promoted and/or sponsored (funded) by the Davis CS Club.
5. Oversee, maintain, and regulate all Davis CS Club property, assets, and funds.
6. Ensure appropriate membership to the Core Officers and all its committees as provided for in these bylaws, as it sees fit.

Article II. Members

The Davis CS Club shall consist of the following:

1. Core Officers
2. Committee Members
3. Regular Members
4. Club Advisor

Section i. Eligibility Requirements

For voting privileges, every continuing member of the Davis Computer Science Club must:

1. Be a current University of California, Davis student.
2. Have attended at least two (2) meetings per quarter.

A non-voting member of the Davis CS Club may be any of the following:

1. A current University of California, Davis student.
2. A University of California, Davis alumni.
3. A University of California, Davis affiliate.

Every Core Officer and Committee Member must be a voting member.

Section ii. Duties and Responsibilities

Each Davis CS Club Committee member shall:

1. Serve as a member of at least one (1) Davis CS Club Committee.
2. Attend a minimum of three (3) meetings and one (1) event per quarter.

The Club Advisor shall be a lecturer or a professor from the Computer Science Department in the University of California, Davis, and shall be responsible for the following:

1. Promote student-faculty relations.
2. Be available to meet or communicate with Officers regarding any club activities at the advisor's convenience.

Section iii. Resignation

1. Any member may resign from the club at any time by submitting a resignation in writing to any Core Officers.
2. Verbal resignations shall be considered official and binding only when made at a Davis CS Club meeting.
3. Resignations are immediately effective unless a date is otherwise specified.

Article III. Officers

The collective body of the Davis CS Club Core Officers shall be alternatively referred to as the Core Body.

Section i. Officers

The Davis CS Club Core Officers shall consist of the following:

a. President
b. Vice President (2)
c. Treasurer
d. Secretary
e. Webmaster
f. Public Relations
g. Events
h. Committee Chair(s) (As many as there are committees)

Section ii.   Eligibility Requirements

At the beginning of each quarter, each Officer shall have up to two weeks to provide proof of fulfilling the following requirements:

1. Be a current University of California, Davis student.
2. Maintain a cumulative 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA).
3. Not be subject to Academic Disqualification (quantitative or qualitative) under the Office of the University Registrar.

Section iii.   Duties and Responsibilities

Each Core Officer shall:

1. Strive to always accurately and equally represent the desires and opinions of all members of the club to the best of their abilities in all their actions as a Core Officer.
2. Chair or Vice Chair one (1) Committee.
    (a) If there are less Core Officers than there are Committees, each Core Officer may Chair or Vice Chair more than one (1) Committees to prevent suspension or dissolution of Committees.
    (b) Each Officer chairing more than one (1) Committees must nominate a Core Member to a Chair or Vice Chair position to replace them within two (2) weeks. Otherwise, the committee shall be suspended until a Core Member can be nominated.
3. Maintain a membership and attendance of Davis CS Club meetings, events, and at least one (1) Committee's meetings and events.
4. Participate and attend a minimum of two (2) events per quarter. Each Officer must check-in with an Officer that coordinated the event.
5. Maintain and add to their collection of records, resources, and recommendations relating to their position, and ensure that it is passed on to the successors of respective Officer positions.
6. Present the written business report of their respective Committees at every regular Core Officer meeting.
7. Perform all duties delegated to them by the Core Body and the Bylaws.

Section iv.   Individual Duties and Responsibilities

A. President
   The Davis CS Club President shall:
    (a) Act as the main spokesperson for the Davis CS Club.
    (b) Provide professionalism, leadership, direction, empowerment, and dedication for the Davis CS Club.
    (c) Chair and facilitate all Davis CS Club General Meetings and Core Body meetings.
    (d) Deliver an outline of the vision of the Davis CS Club to the Computer Science Department and the University community.
    (e) Set the agenda of all Davis CS Club General Meetings.
    (f) Swear in the Davis CS Club Officer elects.
    (g) Be an authorized and required signer for the accounts assigned by the Budget Code.

B. Vice President of Internal Affairs
   The Davis CS Club Vice President of Internal Affairs shall:
    (a) Assist the President in their duties.
    (b) Serve as the Vice President of the Executive Advisory Committee.
    (c) Recommend appointment and removal of members to Core Body as they see fit, with the approval by a majority vote of the Core Body.

(d) Maintain attendance records of all Core Officers.

(e) Collect, log, and file data on Officers' fulfillment of duties delegated by the Davis CS Club Bylaws.

(f) Review all written business reports with the Secretary before publishing them Online.

(g) Facilitate accountability for the Core Body and Committee Chairs.

C. Vice President of External Affairs

The Davis CS Club Vice President of External Affairs shall:

(a) Assist the President in their duties.

(b) Provide a welcoming and inclusive club environment, and encourage current and future members to attend meetings and events of the Davis CS Club.

(c) Work with the Events Officer to provide a marketing plan for publicity efforts of meetings and events of the Davis CS Club.

(d) Delegate tasks to the Core Body according to the marketing plan for meetings and events of the Davis CS Club.

(e) Coordinate with the Secretary and the Webmaster to maintain the membership database for meetings and events of the Davis CS Club.

(f) Maintain a relationship with the Club Advisor and the Major Advisor and regularly provide updates and receive feedback for the Davis CS Club.

(g) Work with the Public Relations Officer to maintain a professional, continuing relationship with organizations outside of the Davis CS Club.

(h) Overseer the Vice President of Internal Affairs in their duties.

D. Treasurer

The objectives of the Treasurer will be financial accountability with the following areas of focus:

(a) Be fully knowledgable about financial accounts and reserves, fiscal data, as well as sponsorships, grants, scholarships, and other funding available for the Davis CS Club.

(b) Ensure that all financial activities of the Davis CS Club legally comply with all Federal, State, and Local laws, District rules, and rules under the College of Letters and Sciences and the College of Engineering.

(c) Overseer all financial accounts and reserves belonging to the Davis CS Club.

(d) Audit and evaluate programs funded or Committees requesting funding from the Davis CS Club, and recommend requests for funding to the Core Body.

(e) Collect all fiscal data and maintain a database of financial records for the Core Body.

(f) Recommend monthly and/or quarterly financial analysis and budget planning in accordance with Actions to the Core Body.

The Core Body delegates authority to the Executive Advisory Committee to take action on behalf of the Treasurer to fulfill its own objectives with the following restrictions:

(a) Funding must be approved by the Core Body.

(b) Amending or allowing special exceptions for budget stipulations must be approved by the Core Body.

E. Secretary

The intended purpose of the position of Secretary shall be:

(a) To record the Actions of the Core Body at every Core Officer Meeting and to make such records accessible to all interested parties.

(b) To collect the records of every Committee Meeting from Committee Vice Chairs and to make such records accessible to all interested parties.

(c) To recommend or to appoint another Core Officer to record General Meetings.

(d) To maintain a database of all records required by the Davis CS Club bylaws.

(e) To communicate with the Vice President(s) and the Webmaster to organize all data and submit them for an Online public record.

(f) To schedule and publicize every Meetings required by the Davis CS Club bylaws.

F. Webmaster

The Webmaster shall:

(a) Represent the Davis CS Club and its written Purpose as provided by the Bylaws as a professional Online persona.

(b) Maintain and update the Davis CS Club Website at least once a week.

(c) Submit written reports summarizing amendments to the website, to the Core Body.

(d) Create and chair a Committee dedicated to managing the website, if necessary.

G. Public Relations / Marketing Director

(a) Oversee creation of media (posters, flyers, etc) for advertising DCSC events.

(b) Collect, empower, and engage volunteers that will participate in Committee Meetings and Events in a conducive manner.

(c) Manage the Officers' email address if necessary and act as a liaison between companies and the President.

(d) Remain in constant, professional communication with companies, sponsors, and other organizations in collaboration with the Davis CS Club.

H. Event Coordinator

An event shall be defined as a convening of Core members for an Action fulfilling the purposes of the Davis CS Club.

(a) Collaborate with the Core Body in organizing all future events.

(b) Act as a liaison or delegate another member in reserving rooms for all events of the Davis CS Club.

(c) Organize a Welcome event for Fall Quarter.

(d) Organize a Classes Meeting every Quarter.

(e) Organize an Introductory Overview Event in preparation for elections for late Winter or early Spring Quarter.

(f) Organize at least one (1) event every Quarter in collaboration with other organizations on campus.

(g) Provide a debriefing for every major event at the officer meeting following that event.

(h) Provide a public Events Calendar for the Davis CS Club, which must be updated a week before the month starts, every month.

I. Committees Chair(s)

Each Committee Chair shall:

(a) Chair and facilitate their respective Committee meetings.

(b) Schedule and set the agendas of all meetings of their respective Committees.

(c) Provide reports on Committee meetings and events at office meetings.

(d) Appoint a Vice Chair to their respective Committee.

(e) Instruct their respective Committee Vice Chair on the duties to be performed in the Chair's absence.

(f) Recommend appointment and removal of members to their respective Committees as they see fit, with the approval by a majority vote of the Core Body.

Each Committee Vice Chair shall:

(a) Assume the duties of their respective Committee Chair when he/she is absent or unavailable.

(b) Ensure proper meeting minutes are recorded for the Core Body.

Section v.   Terms of Office

A term shall be defined as one (1) academic year.

1. Holding office for any portion(s) of a term shall count as holding office for one (1) term.

2. All Officers may hold office for a total of three (3) consecutive or non-consecutive terms.
3. All Officers shall be elected in the third week of every Spring Quarter.
4. All newly elected Officers must shadow the outgoing Officers for the remainder of the quarter.
5. After the last week of Spring Quarter, the new Officers shall immediately assume their elected positions.

Section vi.   Succession of Officers

For times at which the President and the Vice President(s) are temporarily unable to perform their respective duties, the order of succession of their responsibilities shall be as follows:

- Secretary
- Public Relations
- Treasurer
- Event Coordinator
- Committee Chairs

In any event where a Committee Chair is temporarily unable or unavailable to perform their duties, the respective Committee Vice Chair shall succeed the duties of their Committee Chair.

The succession of officers shall not represent the hierarchy of the organization.

Section vii.   Resignation

1. Any Officer may resign from their position at any time by submitting a resignation in writing to any Core Officers.
2. Verbal resignations shall be considered official and binding only when made at a Davis CS Club Meeting.
3. Resignations are immediately effective unless a date is otherwise specified.

Article IV.   Committees

Section i.   Essential Committees

The Davis CS Club Committees shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Executive Advisory Committee
2. Website Development Committee
3. Tutoring Committee

Section ii.   Ad Hoc Committees

Officers can create new committees for specific, short-term purposes, with the following stipulations:

1. All ad hoc committees must be led by an officer.
2. Ad hoc committees are not considered to have Chairs or Vice Chairs.
3. Students who are not officers can take part in ad hoc committees. When they do this, they do not gain the privileges of officers, and are not bound by club bylaws.
4. The President has the power to dissolve ad hoc committees.

Section iii.   Formation and Dissolution

1. Each Committee shall be formed by a majority vote of the Core Body.
2. All Committees must be formed with the following definitions:

    (a) Name of the body.

    (b) Purpose of the body.

    (c) Authority of the committee to take action on behalf of the Core Body under specific circumstances.

    (d) A document (Committee Code) briefly outlining information regarding Membership, Duties and Responsibilities, Chairs and Vice Chairs, and other Special Memberships.

3. If at any time a Committee does not fulfill its minimum membership as specified in the respective Committee Code, then that body automatically becomes inactive and must meet its minimum membership to resume its duties.

    (a) The duties and responsibilities during such time are to be assumed by the Executive Advisory Committee.

Section iv.   Duties and Responsibilities

Each Committee shall:

1. Conduct its business in accordance with its Committee Code

2. Hold Committee Meetings in accordance with these Bylaws.

3. Work on business referred to it by the Core Body.

4. Review its Committee Code at least once, and submit any proposed amendments to the Executive Advisory Committee.

Section v.   Executive Advisory Committee

The objectives of the Executive Advisory Committee is to provide leadership to the Core Body through the following:

1. Maintain the ability of the Core Body to perform work for the Davis CS Club.

2. Maintain documents and forms of the Core Body.

3. Offer training to all members of the Core Body in regards to professionalism or developing leadership, as well as the position of the Core Body in the organizational structure of the College of Letters and Sciences and the College of Engineering.

4. Create and prioritize a set of goals for the Core Body, and amend such goals as necessary.

5. Ensure that goals are being accomplished by assisting individuals and/or Committees.

6. Author policies and procedures that are necessary but are not specifically addressed by these Bylaws nor any codes adopted by the Core Body, and forward such documents to the Core Body for approval.

The membership of the Executive Advisory Committee shall be:

1. President

2. Vice President (s)

The Core Body delegates authority to the Executive Advisory Committee to propose agenda items for Core Officer Meetings or to take action on behalf of the Core Body to fulfill its own objectives with the following restrictions:

1. Any agenda items not outlined by Article I, Section ii of these Bylaws may not be introduced, unless originally referred to this Committee by the Core Body.

2. Any project to implement new technology or equipment must be approved by the Core Body prior to beginning the project.

3. Any amendments to Bylaws or Codes must follow procedures outlined in these Bylaws and be approved by the Core Body.

Article V. Meetings

Section i. General Meetings

The Davis CS Club shall conduct regular, open general meetings on the first week of every month, excluding finals week. The general meetings shall convene at the time most convenient for a majority of the members and adjourn at the discretion of the officer board.

Section ii. Core Body Meetings

The Core Body shall conduct regular Core Officer Meetings every week, excluding during break, dead day, and finals week.

Section iii. Internal Committee Meetings

The Committees shall conduct regular Internal Committee Meetings at least two (2) times per month as deemed necessary by the respective Chair, excluding during break, first week, dead day, and finals week.

Section iv. Quorum

The Officers and Committees shall not take any official action regarding any issue at any meetings unless a majority ($> 50\%$) of respective members are present. The presence of such a majority is called a *quorum*. A quorum must be necessary for the continuation of any Core Officer meeting or Committee meeting, even if the meeting began with a quorum.

At the discretion of those Officers in attendance, the Core Body or Committee shall be permitted to take official votes and actions on an emergency basis when quorum is not in effect. However, if not subsequently ratified at a meeting of that body with quorum, all such actions shall be considered null and void.

Article VI. Elections

Section i. Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for any position, members must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Be a current University of California, Davis student.
2. Maintain a cumulative 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA).
3. Not be subject to Academic Disqualification (quantitative or qualitative) under the Office of the University Registrar.
4. Have attended a set number of officer meetings and events, excluding review sessions, hosted by the Davis Computer Science Club. This quantity will be determined and publicized by the fifth week of the winter quarter.

Section ii. General Election

1. The Davis CS Club general election shall be conducted in accordance with Article III, section v of the Davis CS Club Bylaws.

Section iii. Committee Elections

Succession of committee chairs may be determined through the general election or an internal committee election. The decision to perform the general election or internal committee elections resides with the committee chair and vice-chair. If the chair and vice-chair decide to use the internal committee elections method,

then the officer board must be notified two weeks in advance and the internal elections must be publicly announced to the organization.

The core officer board, however, is able to veto the committee chair and vice-chair's decision if a simple majority (51%) of the core officer board disagrees.

Section iv.   Filling Vacant Positions

1. Vacancy of the President shall automatically be filled by the Vice President(s) which is effective immediately. In the case of two Vice Presidents, one Vice President will fill the vacancy with a majority approval of the Core Body.
2. Vacancy of the Vice President position(s) shall be filled by a recommendation by the President which must receive majority approval by the Core Body before becoming effective.
3. In the event that the positions of the President and both Vice Presidents become vacant, the Secretary shall conduct an internal election to fill the positions.
4. In the event there is a vacancy in any Chair position, the Vice Chair of the respective Committee shall succeed to that position after confirmation by a majority vote of the Core Body.
5. Once an Officer is elected, they shall immediately assume all the duties and responsibilities of their position.
6. If an Officer succeeds to another Officer position, then their previous position is considered vacant.

Article VII.   Removals

Section i.   Automatic Removal

1. When an Officer fails to meet their eligibility requirements, they shall be removed from their position.
2. When an Officer has missed three (3) Core Officer Meetings, they shall automatically be removed from their position.

    (a) The person removed may appeal to the Core Body. If they receive a super-majority (67%) vote to approve the appeal, then they shall be reinstated as their original position.
    (b) The appeal must be done within two (2) Core Officer Meetings.
    (c) There may only be one (1) appeal opportunity per term for each Officer. The Vice President(s) will notify the Core Body in cases of automatic removal with a 'Non-action Business' agenda item.

Section ii.   Officer Removal

1. Any five (5) Officers may submit a Officer Removal Request to the Core Body at any time calling for the removal of an Officer from their position.
2. The Peer Removal Request must cite the section(s) of the Davis CS Club Bylaws that have been violated by the Officer in question.
3. The Vice President(s) shall notify the Officer in question of their right to appear at the removal proceeding, which shall be at the next Core Officer Meeting.

    (a) If the Vice President is in question, the President shall notify the Officer in question of their right to appear at the removal proceeding.

4. The Vice President(s) shall place the removal proceeding on the Core Officer Meeting agenda and present the Officer's case to the Core Body.

    (a) If the Vice President is in question, the President shall present the case to the Core Body.

5. The Core Body shall debate the act of removing the Officer in question, from which the Officer in question cannot be excluded.

    (a) The debate must include one argument for and one argument against before the debate may end.
    (b) The Officer in question must be afforded two (2) minutes to speak.

6. The Officer may be removed with the approval by a super-majority (67%) vote of the Core Body. The Officer in question may vote on this matter.
7. The Officer removed from office shall be allowed one (1) appeal within two (2) Core Officer Meetings of their removal.

Section iii.   Removal by Members

The Core Members shall be permitted to seek to directly discipline or remove any Officer by submitting a petition to the Club Advisor signed by at least fifty (50) percent of the Core Members. The petition must include the following:

1. Description of the manner in which the Officer in question has failed to fulfill their duties.
2. Request of disciplinary action and/or removal of that Officer.
3. Each signer's full printed name, signature, and student ID number.

Article VIII.   Amendment and Adoption

All amendments to the Davis CS Club Bylaws and Committee Codes must follow this process:

1. An Officer or a Committee shall propose amendments to the Davis CS Club Bylaws and Committee Codes.
2. All proposed amendments to the Committee Codes must be referred to the respective Committees for approval.
3. Each Committee may approve, approve as amended, or reject the proposed amendments.
4. For Committee Code amendments, the Core Body may only consider amendments approved or approved as amended by the respective Committees.
5. The amendment shall appear as a business item on the Core Officer Meeting agenda no less than one (1) day from submission. A discussion must take place before any adoption, amendments, or rejection of amendments.
6. All amendments shall require an approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Core Body.
7. Amendments must be published at least one day before the general meeting in which it will be ratified.
8. Minor amendments such as typos or grammatical errors may be approved and ratified without the approval of the Davis CS Club.
9. The amendment approved must be published in documents available online.