

MOVIMIENTO ESTUDIANTIL CHICANO DE ASESAN INC.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

BYLAWS FOR MECHA:

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP:

SECTION 1 The membership of MECHA shall consist of individuals who are full/part-time students either undergraduates or post-graduates and staff at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington and whose views conform to the intent of the Corporation, as expressed in the Articles of incorporation.

SECTION 2 The regular monthly meeting of the membership of MECHA Inc., shall be held on the third Thursday of each month during the regular academic year. Special meetings of the membership may be held at any time, but they shall be called by the chairman of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3 At any meeting of the membership of the Corporation, 25 members of the membership shall constitute a quorum, except when a two thirds total membership is necessary for the removal of a member of the Board of Directors from office. Each member present shall be entitled to one vote. Any member of the corporation shall be entitled to challenge the right to vote of any person at a general membership meeting who claims the right to vote, and when so challenged, the secretary shall first determine the eligibility of the challenged voter before any vote is taken.

SECTION 4 Membership in the corporation shall be deemed continuous and no member shall be dropped from membership except for non-attendance at general membership meetings and it shall be a condition of membership in the corporation that the member attend at least four (4) general membership meetings during each regular academic year after he shall have become a member. Any member who has not attended four general membership meetings within the regular academic year shall be dropped from the membership roll. New members will be issued a membership card upon payment of dues.

SECTION 5 The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the second Wednesday of May of each year at which time the annual election of directors shall be held.

SECTION 6 The General Membership of MECHA Inc., shall be composed of all those who have signed the Membership Registration Book and who have paid quarterly dues of \$1.00 per academic quarter during the regular academic year. In order that new members be eligible to vote in the business meetings of the corporation, they must have been members for at least one month.

7 Roberts Rules of Order (Revised) shall govern the conduct of business, both at general membership meetings and of Board of Directors' meetings upon discretion of the Chairman.

8 Meetings shall be conducted in SPANISH and/or English but the Chairman shall have the duty of providing a competent interpreter for the assistance of those members who are not fluent in both languages.

ARTICLE II - MANAGEMENT:

1 The business and property of MECHA Inc., shall be managed by a board of ten members which board shall be known as the Board of Directors, eight (8) of whose members shall be elected in the manner herein provided, and the remainder of which shall be appointed as herein provided.

2 Positions one through eight (8) on the Board of Directors shall be elected from the general membership of the corporation as herein provided. Positions nine (9) through ten (10) on the Board of Directors shall be reserved for GRADUATE STUDENTS PRESENTLY ATTENDING GRADUATE SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

3 Persons holding positions on the Board of Directors at the time these By-Laws are adopted shall initially hold positions 1 through 8 and the specific numerical designation of their position shall be determined by lot. The term of office of the directors holding odd numbers shall expire on the second Thursday of January, 1971, and the position of the directors holding even numbers shall expire the second Thursday of December 1972. Thereafter, the persons elected shall hold office for (1) year so that four of the appointed members of the Board of Directors shall be subject to appointment each year.

4 The term of office of the elected Directors of the corporation shall be for one (1) year subject to the provisions of the Section just preceding. The positions of the Directors who are appointed as herein above provided shall be at the pleasure of the body designating them, to be the POST GRADUATE STUDENT GROUP OF MEMBERS OF MECHA, but shall not be for a longer period than one (1) year.

5 Immediately after the annual meeting of the Corporation as herein provided, the newly elected Board Members together with the remaining Board Members whose terms did not expire, shall meet specially for the purpose of organizing itself and shall elect from its membership the following officers who shall be the officers of the corporation:

A Chairman, A Vice-Chairman, A Secretary, A Treasurer,
A Sergeant at Arms, and A Historian

ARTICLE II: CONTINUED:

- SECTION 5 Each such officer will serve for a period of one (1) year or until his successor shall have been duly elected or appointed. The Board of Directors will appoint a nominating committee at the regular meeting a month before the elections. The nominating committee will present a slate of two persons for each office the night of the General Election. The winner of each office must have a simple majority of the vote cast.
- SECTION 6 The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall hold regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month during the regular academic year at the University of Washington, Seattle Washington, and such special meetings as the Board shall from time to time deem necessary for the competent management of the affairs of the corporation.
- SECTION 7 Each member of the Board of Directors shall possess one vote in matters coming before the Board. All voting at meetings of the Board of Directors shall be by each member in person and voting by proxy shall not be allowed. Six members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to conduct business, and matters coming before the Board for decision shall be determined by a majority vote of those present, but the Chairman shall not vote except in case of a tie.
- SECTION 8 Any Board member may be removed from his office by a two-thirds vote of the total membership, in attendance, of MECHA Inc. Actual notice of the proposed removal of a Board Member must be given to such Board Member in writing one full week prior to the date of the meeting at which such removal is to be voted upon.
- SECTION 9 Any vacancy occurring on the elected Board of Directors by reason of the death, resignation or removal of a Director shall be filled by a special election to be held at the next General Membership meeting following the occurrence of said vacancy. Such specially elected Board Members shall serve during the unexpired term of the Board Member whose position has become vacant.
- SECTION 10 Attendance shall be mandatory for all members of the Board of Directors at Board of Directors meetings. Two consecutive unexcused absences from regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors shall be deemed a resignation from the Board of Directors without further formality and when two consecutive unexcused absences shall occur, the remaining members of the Board of Directors shall at the next regularly schedule meeting declare said office or position vacant. All request for an excused absence shall be passed upon by the Board at the meeting where said absence occurs and the vote shall be noted in the minutes. A favorable vote shall constitute an excused absence.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

SECTION 1 CHAIRMAN: The chairman of the Board of Directors shall:

Supervise all activities of the corporation.
Execute all instruments on its behalf.
Preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the membership of the corporation.
Call such special meetings of the membership as shall be necessary, other than the regular monthly meeting of the membership, after requesting permission of the board to do so, and if a majority of the Board agrees.
Perform such other duties usually inherent in such office.

A majority of Board members can request the Chairman to call a special board meeting.

SECTION 2 VICE-CHAIRMAN: The Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors shall act for the Chairman in his absence and perform such other acts as the Chairman may direct, and in the event the Chairman shall resign or shall lose his position on the Board of Directors by absence, the Vice-Chairman shall succeed to the office of Chairman until the next regular Board meeting until the Board shall be reorganized and a new Chairman elected.

SECTION 3 SECRETARY: It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board of Directors to keep all minutes of the Board of Directors and of the corporation, and to perform such other duties usually inherent in such office.

SECTION 4 TREASURER: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the corporation to be aware of all funds belonging to the corporation and to supervise their expenditure. When authorized by the Board of Directors to pay obligations incurred by the corporation and render monthly financial reports when requested by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5 SERGEANT AT ARMS: It shall be the duty of the Sergeant at arms of the corporation to keep order at all general membership and special membership meetings of the corporation.

SECTION 6 HISTORIAN: It shall be the duty of the Historian of the corporation to be aware of all news media coverage concerning the Corporation and to make a record of said news coverage and file same with the Secretary of the corporation. It shall also be the duty of the Historian of the corporation to keep together with the Secretary of the corporation a current and past record of all photographs and film coverage of activities, rallies, demonstrations, participations, involvements of the corporation in general or any of its representatives.