REVISED BY-LAWS
OF
THE BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES CLUB
OF
KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Article I
Name and Office

The name of this club shall be the Behavioral and Social Sciences Club of Kentucky State University (hereinafter called the BSS Club).

Article II
Purpose

The BSS Club seeks to enhance the intellectual, professional, and research interests of the students in the Behavioral and Social Sciences Division. To provide opportunities for students to enhance their interests and professional development as related to the behavioral and social sciences disciplines. The BSS projects will be designed to support a series of ongoing research and development agenda that the student can participate in during their university experience.

Article III
Membership

Membership in the BSS Club is open to students in any major and is a requirement of Behavioral and Social Sciences majors.

Article IV
Officers and Duties of Officers

Powers: Officers, in conjunction with advisor approval, shall have the general supervision, management, and control of the business and affairs of the BSS Club, with consent of the unit chair, except as otherwise provided by these By-Laws.

President: The BSS Club President will preside over meetings. In collaboration with the advisor the president will develop the agenda and call special meetings and committee meetings as required. The president will meet with the advisor to discuss appointment of all committees related to the BSS stated agenda. The president/advisor will assume a collaborative role in the development of club projects. The advisor will provide final approval of projects.

Vice-President: The Vice-President of the BSS Club will assume the duties of the president in the absence of the president.

Treasurer/Secretary (T/S): The Treasure/Secretary of the BSS Club will maintain any and all financial records of the BSS Club, showing said records in an acceptable state of
accountability at all times. The T/S of the BSS Club will record attendance of club members at BSS Club meetings, take minutes of said meetings, maintain accurate membership lists, and develop and prepare such written materials as are requested by officers of the BSS Club.

**Publications Officer, or Committee:** The P.O., or Committee, will publicize all meetings, events, and projects of the BSS Club in the campus media. In addition, the P.O., or Committee, also will be responsible for posting all notices of meetings, events, and projects on campus bulletin boards.

### Section II

**Election of Officers**

The BSS Club shall elect four officers per one academic year. These elections will be held at the end of the Spring semester. Nominations for office by any club member shall be submitted to the advisor for approval prior to official consideration. Consideration for approval include prior semester participation in projects, attendance at meetings, ability to get along with other members, academic discipline, academic performance, current obligations, and class year group (upperclassmen will be given first preference).

The form of election shall be by secret ballot, with nominees present or absent as desired by club membership. A majority vote of 2/3 of the BSS Club membership attending the affected meeting will decide whether said nominee is duly elected.

**Term of Office:** The period of any term of office shall be one year. Any officer may resign at any time by delivering a written resignation to the advisor, unit chair and members of the BSS Club. Any officer may be re-elected to an office after completing one or more terms in said office with at least one semester break. Current officers may seek other positions. Any officer may be removed from the BSS for the good of the organization and as matter of purposeful reorganization.

**Special Election:** A special election may be held, to be called by the presiding officer of the BSS Club if any officer resigns, or is subject to prolonged absence, or is otherwise prevented from fulfilling the duties of her/his office. Those considered for the special election shall be approved by the BSS advisor.

### Article V

**Committees**

**Project Chairpersons and Committees:** The standing committee of the BSS Club is the Planning and Activities Committee. This committee is to include as a member the Treasurer of the BSS Club.

This committee in collaboration with the advisor will be responsible for the planning of, and presentation to the club membership, ideas for the activities, and service for the academic semester. This committee is also charged to develop any such proposed services or activity plan.
Miscellaneous: The presiding officer may form committees, in addition to the standing committee, should the need arise (with consult with advisor first). The presiding officer will appoint committee members or call for volunteers.

Time of Meeting: Time of committee meetings will be set by the chairman who heads a given committee as needed, or a committee may meet at a regular time as decided by the chairman of the affected committee.

Proposals: All proposals developed by any committee must be approved by the advisor prior to being voted upon in a regular meeting by the attending membership of the BSS Club if said membership constitutes a majority of the membership of the BSS Club. The advisor may implement proposals without said vote by club members.

Article VI
Meetings

Regular Meetings: The BSS Club meetings shall be held twice per month during the academic year. Determination of meeting time will be arranged according to the advisors schedule and BSS members schedule per academic semester. Said day of meeting will be announced by the president of the BSS Club.

Some of the meetings may be conducted utilizing correct parliamentary procedure. Robert's Rules of Order will be followed in meetings that require voting. Other meetings will take the form of organized research meetings, project updates/preparation/planning/execution, speakers, and presentations. Moreover, for all voting matters, but at regular, well advertised meetings, a quorum reflecting a simple majority of the known, active membership at the time of the vote shall be deemed adequate to represent the membership.

Article VII
Amendment of By-Laws

Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws, they may be amended or repeated and a new By-Law or By-Laws enacted by the advisor with the consent of the divisional chair as related to the stated purpose and agenda. BSS Club membership will be advised of changes and an opportunity for discussion shall be facilitated during a voting meeting. If time permits a weeks notice will be provided for dissemination and dialogue between members.
Behavioral Social Sciences Club
Fall 2008 Purpose, Agenda, and Projects

**Purpose:** The purpose of this organization is to provide opportunities for students to enhance their interests and professional development as related to the behavioral and social sciences disciplines. The BSS projects will be designed to support a series of ongoing research and development agenda that the student can participate in during their entire university experience.

**Agenda:** It is important to establish the differences between a professional club or organization such as the BSS and one that has a more social purpose and intent. It is through these projects that the club will undertake and the potential learning experiences that will occur so the student will grow and explore the many avenues that are potentially available for them in their intended behavioral social sciences major. Community service projects are not considered a part of this professional development oriented experience. Social organizations are perhaps more conducive to those experiences and probably have agendas that will provide such experiences. The BSS club will promote an atmosphere that will reflect seriousness about discovery, research, and the acquisition of knowledge, while fostering fun and creativity during the process. In the end it is hoped that students will have 1) an enjoyable “professional studies” oriented experience, 2) participate in projects that may result in published studies, 3) gain confidence in themselves that may lead to their pursuit of graduates studies and, 4) grow and develop as young adults that represent the future for behavioral and social sciences disciplines.

**Projects:**

I. Conduct an organized research project that will assess and identify KSU student attitudes, expectations, and approach to academic course work. This will require selecting an appropriate instrument, securing consent to survey from professors of targeted courses and year groups, preparation of instruments, data collection, database management, basic statistics, and presentation of results. Results will also be used in a conference presentation and will also be submitted for publication in a scholarly journal.

II. Assist with the organization and facilitation of the upcoming Africans Studies (SIRAS) conference Directed by Dr. Amadife and hosted by KSU every Spring. Initial requirements include understanding the research conference proposals, selection of proposals, coordination of university assets, general housekeeping (registration of participants, guiding, room set up, etc). BSS will discuss research presentations and perhaps gain ideas for future projects. BSS will receive recognition for its hosting efforts and also knowledge to conduct their call for paper and research presentation.

III. Participate in a monthly speakers’ bureau that features working professionals that represent the BSS disciplines. Participation includes attendance at meetings that feature speakers and development of a list of future speakers.

**Future:** It is hoped that the BSS club will grow and mature in both purpose, agenda, and projects to the extent that elements of the university will commission the organization to design and conduct studies that have utility and importance to the emergence of KSU as a research institution.