ARTICLE I: NAME
The name of this organization shall be “NIC Philosophy Club” of North Idaho College.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES
The purpose of the NIC Philosophy Club shall be to provide the campus and community a forum for philosophical discussion.

The objectives of the NIC Philosophy Club shall be to:

A. Form a representative group of students interested in exploring philosophical issues outside the classroom.
B. Coordinate and promote activities and opportunities of interest to the group, such as student philosophy conferences, debates about contemporary issues, and a speaker series that deals with philosophical issues.
C. Educate students and community about philosophy issues and events in the area.
D. Network with other NIC student clubs, other college philosophy clubs, and community groups in order to better accomplish items A-C.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP
A. “Membership” is open to all currently enrolled NIC students, regardless of race, religion, sex, age, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, physical, mental or sensory disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or veteran status.
B. Interested individuals who are not NIC students may always participate in the NIC Philosophy Club as “associate members,” regardless of race, religion, sex, age, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, physical, mental, or sensory disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or veteran status.
C. Only “members” will vote. However, discussion regarding issues prior to, and following, the vote will be carried out by all of those present, including members, associate members, visitors and advisors.

ARTICLE IV: SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT
A. This group will raise funds through various means and activities, as the need requires.
B. Contact will be made with ICC for matching funds.
ARTICLE V: RULING BODY
The NIC Philosophy Club will not have officers. In lieu of a political hierarchy, an egalitarian and democratic panel of three will manage the group's affairs.

A. The “Ruling Body” will be made of up a democratic panel of three students. All individuals who are present at the time will make nominations to the panel, and “members” will do the final voting in order to select a final panel.
B. Two students will act as “alternates to the panel.” All individuals who are present at the time will make nominations for the “alternates to the panel” and “members” will do the final voting in order to select those alternates.
C. The responsibility of the panel is to lead meetings, keep records, act as contact persons for all students in the club, coordinate with the ICC, and act as club representatives to community groups and other student organizations.
D. When a panel member is gone, one of the alternates may act in his/her place with regard to leading meetings and keeping records.
E. When a panel position is permanently vacated, all individuals who are present at the time will make nominations for the panel position, and “members” will do the final voting in order to select the new panel member.
F. A new panel will be selected at the beginning of the Fall Semester and will remain in position until the end of the Summer session.

ARTICLE VI: GENERAL
A. Meetings shall be conducted in an atmosphere of mutual respect.
B. Subcommittees may be created and disbanded by consensus of the students.
C. Advisors are members of the North Idaho College faculty or staff whose interest in the organization indicates that they will judiciously advise the NIC Philosophy Club concerning goals, purposes and procedures. Advisors guide the NIC Philosophy Club in accordance with the purposes and ideals of North Idaho College and the NIC Philosophy Club. They do not directly control the organization or the programs and activities.
   1. Advisors will be approved by the voting members.
   2. Advisors’ responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, the following:
      i. Attending meetings.
      ii. Assisting in planning program/activities.
      iii. Supervising the handling of funds and approving expenditures and contracts.
      iv. Assisting in arranging the use of College facilities and equipment as needed.
      v. Assisting in the creation and maintenance of a club website.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS
A. The articles of this constitution may be amended at a regularly scheduled club meeting by a concensus of club “members.”
B. Proposed changes must be submitted at least one regularly scheduled meeting prior to the regularly scheduled meeting at which the vote occurs.