Constitution for the Taiwanese Student Association at UNM  
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Article I - Name

This organization will be known as the Taiwanese Student Association. Hereafter referred to as TSA.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the TSA is to:
1. To assist the new incoming Taiwanese students, to foster a close relationship among Taiwanese students and the community, and to acquaint people with activities.
2. To support Taiwanese students studying at UNM, and provide connections with alumni and industries to assist Taiwanese students for job searching and career planning.
3. To provide an opportunity for interested students and faculty to learn about Taiwanese culture.

Article III - Membership

A. All members of the TSA will be full time UNM students in good standing. Only UNM students can vote or hold office.
B. Associate members are UNM faculty, staff, or alumni who are interested in the organization. They may not vote or hold office.
C. There will be no maximum number of members.
D. Membership will be determined in accordance with all rules, regulations and policies of the university.
E. Membership will take effect when an interested party signs up on the membership roster and pay all dues.

Article IV - Officers

Section I. In order to run for and hold office in the TSA, one must be
a full time UNM student in good standing and already be a member of the organization.

Section II. The duties of the Executive Committee will be as follows:
   A. President: To lead the organization, to represent the TSA externally, to preside over all meetings, to create ad-hoc committees when necessary, and to coordinate the other officers
   B. Vice President: To assume the responsibilities of the President in case of her/his absence and to assist the President in all duties
   C. Secretary: To keep accurate minutes of every meeting, to keep a current membership roll and mailing list, and to coordinate publicity and communications
   D. Treasurer: To keep accurate financial records and to coordinate every financial matter with consent of the organization

Section III. Officers will be elected in the following manner:
   A. Elections will be held at every spring and fall semesters. Candidates will be verbally nominated and seconded.
   B. Candidates must be TSA members and full-time students in good standing.
   C. Candidates elected in fall semester will be responsible for the organization from January to June; candidates elected in spring semester will be responsible for the organization from July to December.
   D. The candidate receiving a majority vote of members at the elections meeting will be considered the victor. If no candidate receives a majority vote, then there will be a run-off between the two candidates with the most votes. The candidate who receives the most votes will be the victor.

Section IV. Officers shall be removed in this manner:
   A. If an officer fails to maintain requirements for holding office, he or she shall resign immediately.
   B. If it is believed that an officer is not fulfilling his or her constitutional duties, then a petition requesting his or her removal must be signed by at least half of the voting membership and presented at a general meeting. Then,
upon verification of the validity of the petition, by the advisor, and at least two weeks but no more than four weeks from the date of submission, another meeting shall be held at which the grievance will be presented, with both sides having the opportunity to present a case.

C. The advisor, if appropriate, shall preside over the removal hearing. After all arguments have been heard, a secret-ballot vote shall be held. If at least two-thirds of the voting members present vote for removal, the officer shall be removed immediately.

D. If the President is removed or resigns, the Vice-President will take his/her place in the interim.

Article V - Dues

Dues shall be $10 for each member. Dues will be collected by the Treasurer by the second week of membership.

Article VI - Parliamentary Procedures

All business meetings shall be governed by the procedures encountered in Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VII - Amendments

Section I. Amendments must be proposed by a voting member of the organization.

Section II. The proposal must be sent by mail or e-mail to all TSA members at least 2 weeks in advance of the vote.

Section III. Ad-hoc committee must be gathered to consider a proposal prior to the vote.

Section IV. The proposal requires at least half of the quorum's vote to pass. The quorum must consist of at least one-third of all members of the organization.
Section V. Amendments are subject to approval by the Student Government and the Student Activities Committee of the University of New Mexico.