Danza Azteca Circulo Charter

Article I: Name

Section A. The official name of this organization is the **Danza Azteca Circulo**.

Section B. The unofficial name of the club shall be IN MITOTIANI TLANI TEPETL SEPAYAUTLI. This translates from Nahuatl, the Uto-Aztecan language, to *The Dancers Below the Snowy Mountain*, which is in respectful recognition of the Tongva village Claremont is hosted on known as Torojoatngna, “the place below the snowy mountain”.

Article II: Purpose

Section A. The purpose of the Danza Azteca Circulo is to provide a space for the conscious and careful practice of the ancient cultural and ceremonial dance of the indigenous Mesoamerican people known as the Aztecas.

Section B. The organization will provide the space for students of indigenous American heritage to culturally immerse themselves in a physical demonstration of decolonization by rightfully taking up space to show survivance and resilience through cultural emancipation.

Section C. The organization will also provide the inclusionary space for the entire Pitzer College community, and the rest of the Claremont Colleges, to gain a deeper understanding of indigenous cultural practices through direct participation in dance practice, ceremony, and cultural workshops made not for students to go out in to the community and ‘teach’ indigenous culture, but to have a deeper individualistic perspective of indigenous cultural values and cultural protocol that may be of use during future interactions in and around indigenous culture and/or individuals/communities.

Article III: Membership

Section A. The Danza Azteca Circulo is open to all self-identifying indigenous students, the Pitzer Latinx community, the rest of the Pitzer community, and the other Claremont Colleges.

Section B. Considering the cultural sensitivity that is being dealt with within the organization, members are expected to respectfully and open-mindedly follow cultural protocols.

Section C. Members are expected to attend all cultural workshops to participate in ceremony and the physical practice of the dance, as they will serve as a form of cultural training that will set the foundation for understanding the ceremony and cultural protocol, as well as serving as a form of gaining more experience with cultural sensitivity.

Section D. Members are expected to wear appropriate attire to all sessions, not only for physical functionality purposes, but in recognition of the cultural sensitivity and context of practice.
Article IV: Officers and Officer Responsibilities

Section A. The Danza Azteca Circulo shall be governed by an executive board which will include the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary/Public Relations. Take not that one individual may fill the roles of more than one position, within reason.

Section B. Officer positions are expected to be fulfilled for the period of the semester. Elections will be held at the beginning of every semester. See Article V: Officer Elections.

Section C. President

i. The president holds the responsibility of being the official spokesperson and representative of the Danza Azteca Circulo.

ii. The president will be responsible for the continuous planning and scheduling of the club’s meetings and events.

iii. The president will be responsible for receiving comments from the community and organization members regarding the club’s facilitation.

iv. The president will be responsible for the facilitation of officer elections.

v. The president will be responsible for the training of the subsequent president.

vi. The president will be responsible for emailing all group members regarding meetings, activities and events, and responding to any inquiries and comments.

vii. The president will be expected to attend all the organizations meetings, activities and events, unless a valid excuse is presented.

viii. The position of president is reserved for upperclassmen who have extensively participated within the activities of the club and have assisted in the accomplishment of the organizations purpose.

Section D. Vice President

i. The vice president will be responsible for assisting the president in their responsibilities.

ii. If the president is incapable of completing a task, the vice president will be responsible, within reason.

iii. The position of president and vice-president are reserved for upperclassmen who have extensively participated within the activities of the club and have assisted in the accomplishment of the organizations purpose.

Section E. Treasurer

i. The treasurer will be responsible for handling all the organizations financial concerns, including receipts, reimbursements, and student senate credit card and budgetary requests.

ii. The treasurer will be responsible for keeping up-to-date records of the club’s financial expenses.

iii. The treasurer will be responsible for updating the organizations budget.
iv. The position of treasurer is reserved for former members of the Danza Azteca Circulo.

Section F. Secretary/Public Relations

i. The secretary will be responsible for keeping records of all the organizations activities and events, keeping a chronological historical record.

ii. The secretary will be responsible for emailing all group members regarding meetings, activities and events, and responding to any inquiries and comments.

iii. The secretary will be responsible for managing the organizations media, including sites, digital media, and flyers.

iv. The secretary will be responsible for overseeing the creation of committees for the purpose of creating organization posters and flyers.

Article V: Officer Elections

Section A. Elections will be facilitated by the president and vice president on a yearly basis.

Section B. One member of the organization may be elected to fulfill multiple roles but is not required to accept more than one position at a time.

Article VI: Member Removal

Section A. Members of the organization may be removed through a voting process for the violation or combination of violations for any of the following:

i. An officer of the executive board fails to fulfill their responsibilities.

ii. Missing a maximum of 4 practice sessions consecutively.

iii. Acting out inappropriately against the organization's cultural inclusivity and sensitivity, which includes the strict upholding of cultural protocols, as well as appropriate dresswear.

Section B. Any member of the organization may begin the removal process of another member by speaking to either the president or the vice president.

Section C. The removal process will include a blind vote which must conclude with a majority vote. Said member will then be unwelcomed in the participation of the organization's activities until further notice.

Article VII: Meetings

Section A. Regular practice of the Aztec dance and cultural workshop will be held bi-weekly on Sundays for approximately 1 and hour.

Section B. Special events such as demonstrations and/or participation in collaboration with other organizations will be communicated across to all members through an email by an executive board member.
Section C. If there are any changes to regular weekly scheduling it will be communicated across to all members through an email by an executive board member.

Article VIII: Finances

Section A. The organization will request funding from the Pitzer College Student Senate at the beginning of each spring to support the organization's activities and events for the following academic year. Beyond that, funds will be acquired through grants and the collaboration of other departments such as the Indigenous Outreach Department of the CEC and the several dance departments across the 5C’s.

Article IX: Amendments

Section A. Proposed amendments must be presented to an executive board member at least one week before the next meeting.

Section B. The executive board member whom was presented with the amendment must immediately communicate the proposed amendment to the rest of the executive board.

Section C. During the next club meeting the amendment will be voted on. A 2/3 majority vote will be required. All members will be noticed through email by an executive board member of the vote that will take place during the following meeting.