A. CARITAS Club Introduction

It is . . . the love which descends to misery and ugliness and guilt in order to elevate. This love is critical as well as accepting, and it is able to transform what it loves. It is called Caritas in Latin...

Paul Tillich
The Philosophy of Social Work

Caritas Club is the official BSW student organization. All students are expected to participate in Caritas. The Constitution of Caritas follows:

B. Constitution and By-Laws

1. Article I: Name

Section 1
The name of this organization shall be the Caritas Club.

2. Article II: Goals

Section 2
The goals of this organization shall be:

- to provide a forum through which students can broaden and enrich their knowledge base as it relates to social work education and practice;
- to function in a liaison capacity with the School of Social Work;
- to provide active voluntary service in various community organizations;
- to provide collective student input into the policies, curriculum, and other educational endeavors of the BSW Program.

Section 3
This organization shall aim to advance these goals by:

- providing educational and social experiences of both a formal and informal nature encompassing the Marywood and broader educational community;
- participating in BSW faculty-student and larger department meetings;
- engaging in voluntary experience in community organizations;
- serving in a formal advisory capacity to the BSW Program.
3. Article III: Membership

Section 1
The membership shall consist of social work majors.

4. Article IV: Officers

Section 1
The offices of the club shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 2
Term of office shall be for two semesters.

Section 3
Election of officers and class representatives shall be held by formal ballot. Nominations will be held at a meeting at the end of the semester. Nominees' qualifications shall be posted on the BSW bulletin board, and elections shall be held at the following meeting. Officers will be elected by majority vote. Election results shall be posted on the BSW bulletin board.

5. Article V: Duties of Officers

Section 1
It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings. He/she shall be a member of all committees. It shall be the duty of the chairperson to serve as liaison with the Student Government Association regarding affairs pertinent to club goals and activities.

Section 2
It shall be the duty of the Vice President to assist the President and to preside in his/her absence. The Vice President shall also be a member of the BSW Advisory Council.

Section 3
It shall be the Treasurer's responsibility to execute all financial transactions of the club. All dispersal transactions shall be approved by an officer and the Moderator. The Treasurer shall submit the annual Treasurer's Report at the end of the spring semester.

Section 4
It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep minutes of all the meetings and submit them to designated University offices.

Section 5
In addition to these office, each class (year) can elect their class representative to the Caritas Club.
6. Article VI: BSW Advisory Council

Section 1
The Advisory Council shall consist of five student members. These shall be the Vice President of Caritas and one student representative elected by and from each class.

Section 2
Advisory Council meetings shall take place on a regular basis and at the initiation of students and/or Program Director.

Section 3
Summaries of Council meetings will be posted on the BSW bulletin board.

7. Article VII: Membership and Fundraising

Section 1
All BSW majors are members of Caritas Club

Section 2
Fundraising will be conducted by the club in accordance with University policy.

Section 3
Fundraising proceeds will be used to attain club goals and functions throughout the school year.