

CONSTITUTION
Associated Students of Santa Barbara City College

PREAMBLE

We, the Associated Students of Santa Barbara City College, in order to provide for better student governance, and develop good citizenship through social, cultural, athletic and scholastic activities, and cooperative support of facilities within the curriculum, do hereby establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I – NAME

SECTION 1

The name of this governing body shall be the Associated Student Government of Santa Barbara City College, hereinafter called the “ASG.”

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

Membership shall consist of all regularly enrolled students at Santa Barbara City College.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1

The elected and appointed Officers of this Association shall be delineated in the ASG Bylaws.

SECTION 2

Officers of the Association shall meet to carry out the legislative powers of this Association. These elected and appointed Officers shall constitute the ASG.

A. The Senate shall have one or more faculty advisors appointed by the President of the College and additional faculty advisors may be appointed by the Senate as deemed necessary.

B. No ASG Officer may serve on the ASG for more than four whole years.

SECTION 3

Special or general elections shall be held not later than the second week preceding the close of each year.

SECTION 4

Vacancies occurring among the members of the Senate shall be filled as stipulated in the Bylaws.

SECTION 5

The ASG shall legislate all Resolutions, Bylaws, and Standing Rules governing this Association.

SECTION 6

It shall take a two-thirds vote of the in-office members of the Student Senate to revise the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

SECTION 1

The Student Senate shall hold regular meetings at a minimum of once a week. All ASG committees shall meet on regularly scheduled school days.

- A. Special meetings for special purposes may be called by the President at such times as are thought advisable.
- B. Ample notice of special meetings shall be afforded all members of the ASG.
- C. The ASG may direct the President to call special meetings.
- D. All meetings of the ASG shall fall under the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

ARTICLE V – CLUBS

SECTION 1

The ASG shall charter clubs from time to time that enrich the academic, athletic, artistic, cultural, social, political, and philosophical fabric of the College.

SECTION 2

Clubs derive their authority from the ASG, which derives its authority from the Board of Trustees of Santa Barbara City College. The ASG and the Board shall retain the power to charter or disband any club or organization at any time.

SECTION 3

The name of the body of this Association representing chartered clubs shall be the Inter-Club Council.

SECTION 4

A representative from each chartered club shall serve on the Inter-Club Council, which shall meet at least once a month.

SECTION 5

Legislation may be proposed to the ASG by means of a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the Inter-Club Council.

ARTICLE VI – INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, RECALL

SECTION 1

The general membership of the Associated Students reserve to themselves the powers of initiative, referendum, and recall.

- A. Legislation may be proposed to the ASG by means of a petition signed by one (1) percent of the student body.
- B. Any ASG legislation shall be subject to referendum upon the presentation of a petition signed by five (5) percent of the student body.
- C. ASG Officers may be subject to recall by presentation to the ASG of a petition signed by five (5) percent of the student body.

SECTION 2

Initiative, referendum, and recall elections must be held within thirty (30) days after the ASG receives the above-mentioned petitions unless the ASG acts in compliance with the stated intent of the petition. A majority of all votes cast shall be sufficient to enact or repeal legislation. Two-thirds of the votes cast shall constitute a recall.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by either of the following methods:

A. By two-thirds vote of the ASG.

B. By initiative of five (5) percent of the general membership of the student body.

SECTION 2

Such proposed amendments shall be submitted for ratification to the general membership of the Association at a special or general election. Two-thirds of the votes cast shall be necessary for adoption.

ARTICLE VIII – THE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY WITH GUIDELINES FOR DUE PROCESS

SECTION 1

The standards of Conduct for Members of the College Community with Guidelines for Due Process shall extend to all matters of appeal in law and equity, arising under this Constitution and the Laws of the Association.

ARTICLE IX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1

In all matters not covered in its Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules, this Organization shall be governed by the Robert's Rules of Order.

Constitution: Adopted by Associated Students, March 3, 1961

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