

**CONSTITUTION
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INCORPORATED
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS**

Preamble

We, the students of California State University, Stanislaus, in order to insure the rights of students and represent the interests of the same, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution of the Associated Students, Incorporated of California State University, Stanislaus.

ARTICLE 1.0 Name and Symbols

- 1.1. The name of the Association shall be the Associated Students, Incorporated of California State University, Stanislaus, a not for profit organization, hereafter referred to as the Association.
- 1.2. The Official colors of the Association shall be red, gold, and black.

ARTICLE 2.0 Membership

- 2.1 All students currently enrolled at California State University, Stanislaus during the academic year, excluding students who are enrolled in extension courses, shall be Association members.
- 2.2 All members shall have the right to participate in Association activities, and shall be entitled to one vote on each matter brought forth to the membership of the Association.

ARTICLE 3.0 Governance Structure

- 3.1 The powers of the Association shall be vested in the Association Executive Branch, hereafter referred to as the Executive Branch; and in a policy generating body to be known as the Association Senate, hereafter referred to as the Senate.

ARTICLE 4.0 Executive Branch

- 4.1 Association Officers
 - 4.1.1 President
 - 4.1.2 Vice President, Internal
 - 4.1.3 Vice President, External
 - 4.1.4 Vice President, Finance
- 4.2 Tenure and Term of the Association Officers:

Each Association Officer shall hold office for one year. The term of office shall extend from 12:00 noon on the first of June, through 12:00 noon on the first of June the following year.
- 4.3 Powers and Duties of the Association Officers
 - 4.3.1 The President

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- 4.3.1.1 Shall be empowered to make all decisions concerning the day-to-day operation of the Association.
 - 4.3.1.2 Shall serve as the official representative of the Association.
 - 4.3.1.3 Shall serve in the California State Student Association or nominate to the Senate, a designee.
 - 4.3.1.4 Shall, in conjunction with the Senate, develop and execute such policies and resolutions as are necessary to promote student interests and address student concerns.
 - 4.3.1.5 Shall have the power to establish executive committees.
 - 4.3.1.6 Shall serve as an ex-officio member on all committees and organizations of the Association, or shall designate representatives to serve in that capacity.
 - 4.3.1.7 Shall be responsible along with the Vice President of Finance for all funds of the Association.
 - 4.3.1.8 Shall sign on all purchase orders and other related documents, authorizing expenditures of Association funds.
 - 4.3.1.9 Shall have the power of blanket or item veto over any measure of the Senate.
 - 4.3.1.10 Shall nominate to the Senate persons to fill salaried employee positions of the Association.
 - 4.3.1.11 Shall be responsible for student representation on university-wide committees.
 - 4.3.1.12 Shall, in the case of a vacancy in the office of Vice President, Internal, Vice President, External, Vice President, Finance, or in the Senate, nominate an individual to assume the position vacated.
- 4.3.2 Vice President, Internal
- 4.3.2.1 Shall serve as the primary assistant to the President, and shall assume such roles and responsibilities as delegated by the President.
 - 4.3.2.2 Shall perform the duties of the President in the President's absence and, in case of the vacancy of that office, shall succeed to the office of President for the duration of the current term of office (or until the next general election).
 - 4.3.2.3 Shall be responsible, along with the President, for student representation on university-wide committees.
 - 4.3.2.4 Shall serve as chair of the Senate.
- 4.3.3 Vice President, External
- 4.3.3.1 Shall serve as an assistant to the President, and shall assume such roles and responsibilities as delegated by the President.
 - 4.3.3.2 Shall serve as the official California State Student Association Representative.
 - 4.3.3.3 Shall serve as chair of Lobby Corps.
 - 4.3.3.4 Shall be responsible for representing the needs of students on statewide issues.

4.3.4 Vice President, Finance

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- 4.3.4.1 Shall serve as an assistant to the President, and shall assume such roles and responsibilities as delegated by the President.
- 4.3.4.2 Shall oversee the preparation of the annual Association budget, under the general supervision of the Budget Committee.
- 4.3.4.3 Shall be responsible, along with the President, for all funds of the Association.
- 4.3.4.4 Shall advise the President and the Senate periodically as to the fiscal health of the Association.
- 4.3.4.5 Shall review and submit for Presidential approval all requests for funds from the Association budget.
- 4.3.4.6 Shall oversee Association expenditures relating to student clubs and organizations.
- 4.3.4.7 Shall be responsible for maintaining a record of the Association's inventory.
- 4.3.4.8 Shall be responsible for the preparation of all Association contracts.
- 4.3.3.9 Shall sign on all Purchase Orders and other related documents authorizing expenditures of Association funds.

ARTICLE 5.0 Senate

5.1 Membership

5.1.1 Sixteen Association Senators; each Association Senator shall be a duly registered student of the California State University, Stanislaus, elected by the Association Membership.

- 5.1.1.1 One (1) Senator, College of Health and Human Sciences
- 5.1.1.2 One (1) Senator, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 5.1.1.3 One (1) Senator, College of The Arts
- 5.1.1.4 One (1) Senator, College of Natural Sciences
- 5.1.1.5 One (1) Senator, College of Business
- 5.1.1.6 One (1) Senator, College of Education
- 5.1.1.7 One (1) Senator, Undergraduate Students
- 5.1.1.8 One (1) Senator, Graduate Students
- 5.1.1.9 One (1) Senator, Diversity
- 5.1.1.10 One (1) Senator, Residential Life
- 5.1.1.11 One (1) Senator, Environment
- 5.1.1.12 One (1) Senator, Student Organizations
- 5.1.1.13 One (1) Senator, California State University, Stanislaus-Stockton
- 5.1.1.14 One (1) Senator, Athletics
- 5.1.1.15 Two (2) Senators, Students At-Large

5.1.2 The President of the Association.

5.1.3 The Vice President, Internal of the Association.

5.1.4 The Vice President, External of the Association.

5.1.5 The Vice President, of Finance of the Association.

5.1.6 The Dean of Students, or the Dean's Designee.

5.1.7 One faculty member of the University, nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

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5.2 Voting Rights

5.2.1 The sixteen Association Senators shall each have one vote in the Senate.

5.2.2 In the event of a tie, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote.

5.2.3 All other members of the Senate shall be non-voting.

5.3 Tenure and Terms of Association Senators

5.3.1 Each Association Senator shall hold office for one year. The term of office shall extend from 12:00 noon on the first of June, through 12:00 noon on the first of June the following year.

5.4 Powers and Duties of the Senate

5.4.1 Shall lobby for students' rights to University and state-wide entities on behalf of the Association.

5.4.2 Shall have the power to pass or resolve resolutions, upon a majority vote of its membership.

5.4.3 Shall be empowered to determine general policies of the Association.

5.4.4 Shall have the power to revise the Association By-laws upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership.

5.4.5 Shall review and approve the annual budget prepared by the Budget Committee and recommend an approved budget to the University President or his/her designee.

5.4.6 May recommend additional expenditures from the General Fund Account to the University President, or his/her designee. This recommendation would require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership.

5.4.7 May override a veto of the Association President, upon obtaining a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership.

5.4.8 May establish committees for an indefinite or specified period of time, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, and may dissolve them by the same.

5.4.9 Shall approve all nominees for salaried employee positions of the Association upon obtaining a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership.

ARTICLE 6.0 Election Replacement and Dismissal of Association Officers and Senators

6.1 Annual Elections

6.1.1 An election to select Association Officers and Senators shall be held annually at a time specified by the Senate.

6.1.2 If there is no candidate for an Association Office in an election, the vacancy shall be filled by an individual nominated by the President and approved by the Senate, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership.

6.2 Replacement

6.2.1 Whenever any Association Officer or Senator, except the Association President, vacates their position, the vacancy created shall be filled by an individual nominated by the President, and approved by the Senate, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership.

6.2.2 The replacement shall serve the remainder of the term.

6.3 Recall

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- 6.3.1 Any Association Officer or Senator may be removed from office upon the affirmative vote of the majority of the Association members voting in duly declared recall election.
- 6.3.2 A recall election shall be declared upon a petition calling for such an election and signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the Association membership.
- 6.3.3 A recall petition shall contain a statement of reason for removal. The petition must contain the printed name, signature, and student identification number of each signatory.
- 6.4 Dismissal
 - 6.4.1 Any voting member of the Senate, after two unexcused absences, shall automatically be placed on review before the Senate Rules Committee.
 - 6.4.2 A member shall be notified for their review no later than one week before a hearing.
 - 6.4.3 A member on review shall be offered the opportunity to hear the charges against them and to present their case.
 - 6.4.4 A member on review shall be dismissed upon the recommendation of the Senate Rules Committee, and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting Senate membership.
 - 6.4.5 Any voting member of the Senate shall automatically be removed from office after missing four (4) unexcused meetings. This action does not require a formal vote of the Senate.
 - 6.4.6 Any member on review shall temporarily forfeit voting status until the matter is resolved; the formula for quorum shall be adjusted accordingly.

ARTICLE 7.0 Initiative and Referendum

- 7.1 Initiative
 - 7.1.1 Any member of the Association may initiate legislation, including By-laws, by means of an election upon written petition of ten percent (10%) of the Association membership.
- 7.2 Referendum
 - 7.2.1 Any official act of the Senate may be subject to a referendum election upon written petition of ten percent (10%) of the Association membership within thirty (30) days, excluding official University recesses, of the passage of the act.
- 7.3 Approval of initiatives and referendum must receive a majority of votes cast.
 - 7.3.1 All petitions pertaining to initiatives and referendum shall contain an exact copy of the text of the initiative and referendum. The petition shall contain the printed name, signature and student identification number of each signatory.
 - 7.3.2 Upon certification of the signatures by the Senate Elections Committee, a special election will called.

ARTICLE 8.0 Amendment

- 8.1 This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Association voting in an election called for that purpose.
- 8.2 An Election to consider constitutional amendments shall be called whenever:

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8.2.1 An amendment is passed by the Senate with a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting membership.

8.2.2 An amendment is proposed in a petition signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the membership of the Association.

8.3 mAmendments shall take effect upon the date specified in the amendment.

ARTICLE 9.0 By-Laws

9.1 By-Laws shall be hereafter adopted. By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership of the Senate. Amendments to the By-Laws will go into effect the following year, unless the Executive Branch and the Senate mutually agree upon the amendment, in which case they will go into effect immediately.

ARTICLE 10.0 Dissolution

10.1 Upon the dissolution of the Association, all net assets, including investments, shall be placed in trust and invested in the most beneficial manner by the University Vice President for Business and Finance, subject to approval by the University President and the Board of Trustees pursuant to section 42600 (b) of the California Code of Regulations, Title 5. This trust will be preserved for a successor student body association.