

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF SADDLEBACK COLLEGE



Preamble

We, the students of Saddleback College, do provide by this Constitution a governing body committed to effective student participation in all areas of student concern, that we may, through independent action, and in conjunction with other constituencies of the college community, represent the student interest in the operation of the college, provide services and coordinated activities of the student body, and advance our common interests and concerns as students; we, therefore, do hereby establish and adopt this Constitution.

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Associated Students of Saddleback College, hereafter referred to as ASSC.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the ASSC shall be to provide a means for responsible and effective student participation in the governance of this college, provide an official voice through which student opinions may be expressed; foster awareness of this opinion in the surrounding communities; assist in the protection of the rights and interests of the individual student and student body; and stimulate the educational, social, physical, and cultural well-being of the college community.

Article III: Membership

All students duly registered at Saddleback College are members of the ASSC and shall be accorded the right to speak and vote in college-wide elections of the Associated Students.

Article IV: Structure and Finance

Section 1 The presiding body of the ASSC shall be known as the Associated Student Government hereafter referred to as the ASG.

Section 2 The ASG shall consist of three branches: the Events Cabinet (E-Cab), the Senate, and the Inter-Club Council (ICC), as outlined in the ASG Bylaws. The ASG will also be comprised of a Leadership Council, a Diversity Student Council (DSC), a Judiciary Student Council, and a standing Budget Committee as outlined in the ASG Bylaws.

Section 3 The ASG shall finance its programs of government, services, and activities through the sale of Associated Student Body Cards, contract services, and other approved income-producing or fundraising activities.

Article V: Officers and Members

Section 1 The elected officers of the ASSC shall be elected in the annual spring election for a term of service of one year beginning at the annual Commencement Ceremony. Should any of the positions not be filled by election or should they become vacant for any reason, they shall be filled by provisions stated in the ASG Bylaws.

Section 2 Candidates running for election must receive a plurality of the votes cast in the election in order to be elected to the office they are seeking.

Section 3 Candidates running for elected positions must have completed a minimum of 12 units of coursework at Saddleback College and have served at least one semester in Saddleback College's ASG prior to taking office.

Section 4 All ASG members must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative G.P.A. and 5 units of enrollment throughout their term in office as stated in the California Education Code section 76061.

Section 5 The duties of all ASG members shall be described in the ASG Bylaws.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1 The Events Cabinet, the Senate, and the ICC shall meet as separate branches and each assemble on a regular basis during class days of the fall and spring semesters, or as called by the ASG President on three days (72 hours) written notice posted on the bulletin boards at the Student Services Center, as outlined in the ASG Bylaws.

Section 2 Special meetings of any branch may be called by the ASG President, the head of the branch or by a two-thirds vote of the respective branch, providing proper notice has been posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Only items properly noticed in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act may be acted upon.

Section 3 A quorum of fifty percent plus one of the members of a branch or committee of ASG must be present at any meeting in order for any action to be taken.

Article VII: Parliamentary Authority

The Parliamentary Authority for the ASG shall be Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised Current Edition, where it is not inconsistent with the ASG Constitution, the ASG Bylaws or other special rules of order.

Article VIII: Amendments

Section 1 Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any member of the ASSC. If the student is not a member of the ASG, he or she will be represented by his or her respective ASG Senator.

Section 2 Proposed constitutional amendments shall be passed by a two-thirds vote of the currently occupied ASG Senate positions with the approval of the ASG President, or by a three-fourths vote of the currently occupied ASG Senate positions without the approval of the ASG President or by a majority vote of the ASSC at the next general or special ASG election.

Section 3 Amendments to this Constitution must be presented to the Events Cabinet and the ICC before they are approved by the Senate. Any disagreements or suggestions that the Events Cabinet or the ICC have with the amendments must be presented to the Senate along with the amendments.

Section 4 Constitutional amendments shall be passed only during the fall or spring semester and shall become effective no earlier than the first day of the next regular semester.

Article IX: Bylaws

Section 1 The ASG shall have the authority to determine rules and regulations, which shall be, called Bylaws.

Section 2 Proposed Bylaws or Bylaw Amendments shall be passed by a two-thirds vote of the ASG Senate with the approval of the ASG president, or by a three-fourths vote of the ASG Senate without the approval of the ASG President.

Section 3 Amendments to the Bylaws must be presented to the Events Cabinet and the ICC before they are approved by the Senate. Any disagreements that the Events Cabinet or the ICC have with the amendments must be presented to the Senate along with the amendments.

Section 4 Amendments to the Bylaws shall be passed only during the fall or spring semester and shall become effective immediately.

Article X: Indemnity

The officers and staff, acting in good faith and to the best of their ability, in the best interest of ASSC and ASG, shall be held free from harm, except for cases of fraud or other illegal acts.

Article XI: Dissolution

In the event that the ASSC, or the ASG, should become insolvent, or close its doors, then no funds, money or property of value shall inure to any officer, member, or any other person, but after all just bills have been paid, any assets remaining shall be forwarded to some organization similar in construction to the ASSC or ASG, within Saddleback College.

ASG Senate's Approval: _____ Date: _____

ASG President's Approval: _____ Date: _____