CONSTITUTION
of the
Associated Students of Fullerton College

Preamble
We the students of Fullerton College, in order to form an organization to express the general will of the students to the administration, to organize and finance a student activity program, to work for the betterment of the College through a student sponsored program, and to promote and practice democratic action, do hereby establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I
NAME OF ORGANIZATION

SECTION A.
This organization shall be known as the Associated Students of Fullerton College.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP - FINANCE

SECTION A.
All students duly registered at Fullerton College are members and shall be accorded the right to vote in elections of the Associated Students without fee, tax, or duty.

SECTION B.
The Associated Students shall finance its program of government and activities through the sale of A.S. Benefits to its membership, and such other fundraising activities as its governing body may sponsor.

ARTICLE III
GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES

SECTION A.
The Associated Students shall be governed by a Senate comprised of duly elected and appointed students assisted by appointed agents.

SECTION B.
Executive Officers will be President, Vice President, and Treasurer who are elected by the Associated Students at Large. Seven hundred students shall be represented by one (1) Senator. The number of Senators needed shall be determined by the amount of students enrolled during the previous semester.
A.S. chain of command shall be listed in the A.S. By-Laws.
One Inter-Club Council President shall be elected by the Associated Students at Large, and shall be a voting member of the Senate.

SECTION C. NON-VOTING
The A.S. Administrative Assistant, Student Center Assistants, and other employees shall be employed by the President, with the approval of the Senate, as non-voting members.

SECTION D. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
The Associated Students Executive Council shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Executive Pro-Tem.
SECTION E.
The Senate shall follow guidelines set for employees of the Associated Students as specified in the By-Laws of this Constitution.

SECTION F. ADVISOR
Advisors shall be appointed by the District Administration as non-voting members.

SECTION G. STUDENT TRUSTEE
A Student Trustee shall be elected by the Fullerton College Associated Students-at-Large to serve as a liaison between the Fullerton College Associated Student-at-Large and the NOCCCD Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE IV
FUNCTIONS

SECTION A.
The Senate, operating under authority and powers granted by the NOCCCD Board of Trustees and the Senate of California, shall have as its main functions: to raise revenues to operate its programs of activities, projects, government; to legislate on supervision over clubs and affiliated organizations, to make recommendations on behalf of the student body to the College and District Administrations, to hear proposals and petitions from its membership, to establish and to conduct such other business or legislation on behalf of its membership not in conflict with District, State or Federal Laws and Regulations.

SECTION B.
The Senate shall pass no law or amendment prohibiting or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the students to peaceably assemble, or to petition the Senate for a redress of grievances.

SECTION C.
The Senate shall assemble on a regular weekly basis. The time and place of these meetings will be published in each class schedule.
Senate business meetings shall be open to the public. Closed business meetings may be called for personnel matters only. A simple majority shall constitute a quorum to do business.
The President shall have the authority to veto any legislation passed by the Senate. The veto must be returned, with the President’s reason, to the Senate within five (5) weekdays or such legislation shall become effective. The Senate may accept the veto or proceed to reconsider. If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate override the President’s veto, the legislation shall become effective. The vote shall be taken by roll call.
The Senate may discipline its members for disorderly behavior according to rules established by the Senate. Senate meetings shall be conducted under Robert’s Rules of Order most recent edition. Advisors shall act as Parliamentarian for Senate meetings.

SECTION D.
The Executive Council shall meet at least once per month.

ARTICLE V
DUTIES OF MEMBERS

SECTION A. VOTING MEMBERS
The duties, responsibilities, and authority of the President of the Associated Students shall be to preside at Senate meetings, with the power to delegate authority; to be an ex-officio member of all Senate Committees; have power to call Special Meetings of the Senate; prepare an annual Associated Students Budget with the Treasurer; be an official representative and host of the Associated Students, have veto power over Senate action, subject to override; establish and maintain an open forum at the first seating of the full Senate at the beginning of the semester and address the Senate with ideas, issues and problems concerning the Campus.
The duties, responsibilities, and authority of the Vice President shall be to assume the duties of the President in the absence or resignation of the President; be an ex-officio member of all Senate Committees; be chair of Senate’s Programming Committee; handle all contractual and scheduling activities from Programming Committee once approved by Senate; coordinate, in conjunction with the respective chairs of committees, all Senate activities; and perform such other duties as delegated by the President.
The duties, responsibilities, and authority of the Treasurer shall be to chair the Senates’ Finance Committee; to be an ex-officio of all Senate Committees; prepare an annual Associated Student Budget with the President and the Finance Committee to be submitted to the Senate for approval; administer all funds; present quarterly Financial Reports to the Senate; countersign all requisitions drawn on Associated Student Funds; submit an annual Financial Report; and perform other related duties as delegated by the President. The duties, responsibilities, and authority of the Senators shall be to represent the students of the College; make motions; act upon all Senate business; deliberate, and vote. Each Senator shall serve on at least one, but no more than two Standing Committees.

SECTION B. NON-VOTING
The duties and responsibilities of the A.S. Administrative Assistant, Student Center Assistants, and other employees shall be described in the most recent Associated Students Operations and Procedures Manual with other duties as assigned by the Associated Students President. The Associated Students Operations and Procedures Manual shall be revised by the Senate during the fall semester and at any time thereafter to facilitate additions and deletions to the number, duties and responsibilities of the employees. The duties and responsibilities of the Advisors shall be to attend all Senate meetings as resource people and speak on issues or agenda items presented to the floor. The Student Trustee representing Fullerton College shall be accountable to the Fullerton College Associated Students-at-Large and shall be responsible for:

- Preparing for and attending all NOCCCD Board of Trustee meetings.
- Providing regular reports to the Fullerton College Associated Students-at-large after each NOCCCD Board meeting providing pertinent feedback on all items that affect students.
- Surveying the Fullerton College Associated Students-at-Large on any relevant and forthcoming NOCCCD Board agenda items.
- If it is determined that the Student Trustee is incapable of or failing to inform the Fullerton College Associated Students-at-Large and does not then provide reports to the Fullerton College Associated Students representatives (A.S. Senate), then the Student Trustee shall be deemed as acting in an inappropriate manner and shall be up for recall.

SECTION C.
All terms of office not specifically stated elsewhere shall end on the first day of June. The new Senate shall assemble on the first Tuesday of the Fall semester.

ARTICLE VI
RESIGNATION, RECALL, INELIGIBILITY

SECTION A.
If the President resigns from Office, the Vice President shall assume the Office of President for the remainder of the term. Vacancy in the Office of the Vice President shall be filled by the Executive Pro-Tem. Vacancy in the Office of the Treasurer shall be filled by the Executive Pro-Tem. Procedures for filling such vacancies shall be determined in the By-Laws of this Constitution. If the ICC President resigns, the ICC Vice President shall assume the Office of ICC President for the remainder of the term. Vacancies in the Office of Student Trustee shall be filled by a majority vote of the Senate.

SECTION B.
To recall any elected Senate member, the signatures of ten percent (10%) of the individuals, eligible to vote for that position, will be required. Two-thirds (2/3) vote of present Associated Students shall be necessary to remove any member.

SECTION C.
The standards of eligibility or disqualification from office due to academic deficiencies, shall be determined by the Administration of the College, and set forth in the By-Laws of this Constitution. All Executive Officers, during the time for which they were elected, shall not hold office in any Campus Club.

SECTION D.
The Senate may impeach any member. Reasons for removal must be given to the Senate. To remove any Senate member from office, a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all installed Senate members is required.
ARTICLE VII
SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION A.
The Senate shall appoint and maintain the following six (6) Standing Committees:
The Judicial Committee which shall advise students, Senate, and Clubs on all legal matters concerning their constitutions; prepare election rules for approval by the Senate; supervise all student elections; and handle such other assignments as delegated by the Senate.
The Finance Committee which shall maintain supervision over the Associated Students Budget and its financial affairs; advise Associated Students on matters concerning scholarships and loans; solicit new scholarships, grants, and financial aid to benefit students; and handle such other assignments as delegated by the Senate.
The Publicity Committee which shall supervise all campus publicity for the Senate; prepare publicity rules and regulations for approval by the Senate; and handle such other assignments as delegated by the Senate.
The Curriculum and Education Committee which shall make recommendations for changes in curriculum and recommendations for all Senate educational activities both cultural and academic to the Senate; and handle such other assignments as delegated by the Senate.
The Planning and Research Committee which shall handle or study current campus problems as assigned by the Senate; make recommendations to the Senate based on surveys, polls, or other information gathering techniques; and handle such other assignments as delegated by the Senate.
The Programming Committee which shall supervise programming, entertainment, and recreational activities which benefit the students-at-large; and handle such other assignments as delegated by the Senate.

SECTION B.
Chairpersons of all Standing Committees (except Finance and Programming) shall be elected from and by the members of the Committee and shall serve for the period of one semester, and are eligible for re-election.
Each Chairperson of a Standing Committee shall prepare a written Semester Report for the President of the Senate.

ARTICLE VIII
ELECTIONS

SECTION A.
Each candidate must meet all eligibility requirements as stated in the By-Laws.

SECTION B.
All candidates must adhere to election rules and regulations as established by the Senate for that election.

SECTION C.
Regular elections will be held during the months of April and September.

SECTION D.
When a vacancy occurs, the Senate shall appoint, by a two-thirds vote of the Senators present, an interim Senator for the remainder of that term.

SECTION E.
An Election Committee shall be formed to supervise, coordinate and make all final decisions concerning the election. This committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Executive Pro-Tem, Judicial Committee Chair and a Senator as appointed by the Senate. The committee shall consist of no more or no less than five members. Each member of the committee shall not be in the running for the elected position.
Any member running for election shall be excluded from the committee and replaced by an appointed Senator not running for election. This committee shall be chaired according to the chain of command as listed in the A.S. By-Laws.

SECTION F.
The charge of the committee shall be to:
1. Set election calendar
2. Hire election workers
3. Issue violations
4. Handle all appeals
5. Count ballots
6. Approve and post election results
SECTION G.
All committee decisions shall be subject to one reconsideration by the committee upon the request of the A.S. Senate. All final decisions of the committee concerning election results shall be recognized as the final decision of the Associated Students.

ARTICLE IX
REFERENDUMS, PETITIONS, MEETINGS

SECTION A.
Before adjourning any Senate meeting, the Senate shall call for items of new business from the audience. Such items may be immediately directed to the proper committee for consideration and recommendations.

SECTION B.
The Associated Students shall have the right to petition the Senate to arrange special referendums on Campus issues. Petitions for referendums directed to the Senate shall be considered valid if they contain signatures equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the current day enrollment. Copies of said petitions must be posted in all designated Campus Publicity Areas and submitted to the student newspaper two (2) weeks prior to referendum elections. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of ballots cast shall be necessary for the passage of any referendum.

SECTION C.
Special meetings of the entire student body may be called when the Senate deems it necessary. Ten percent (10%) of the Associated Students shall constitute quorum at such special meetings to transact business.

ARTICLE X
AMENDMENTS

SECTION A.
A two-thirds (2/3) vote of votes cast at a regular or Special Election of the Associated Students shall be sufficient to amend this Constitution provided a proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing to all members of the Senate. The amendment shall be posted in all designated Campus Publicity Areas and submitted to the Student newspaper at least two (2) weeks prior to the voting on the amendment.

SECTION B.
Students may directly propose amendments to this Constitution by petitions submitted to the Senate which shall be considered valid, if they contain signatures equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the current day enrollment.