

Associated Students of Fullerton College
Constitution of the Student Senate

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 student activities, 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 TITLE

SECTION A. Name of Organization

The official name of this organization shall be known as the Associated Students of Fullerton College, referred to herein, and during the conduct of normal business, as the Student Senate of Fullerton College.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A. Voter Eligibility

All students duly registered at Fullerton College are eligible voters and shall be accorded the right to vote in all student body elections related to the Student Senate, including but not limited to elections for Executives, Student Senators, Special Elections and Referenda.

SECTION B. Funding of Organization

The Associated Students shall finance its programs and activities through, but not limited to, the sale of A.S. Benefits and I.D. Cards to its membership, and any fundraising activities sponsored by the Student Senate.

ARTICLE III STRUCTURE

SECTION A. The Student Senate

The Fullerton College Students-at-Large shall be governed by a Student Senate comprised of duly elected and appointed students assisted by appointed agents.

The Student Senate shall be comprised of 33 Student Senators, representing a number of students determined by dividing the current enrollment of the school by the number of Student Senators.

SECTION B. Executive Officers

The Executive Officers shall include:

- President of the Student Senate
- Vice-President of the Student Senate
- Vice-President of Finance
- Vice-President of Activities
- Inter-Club Council President

Further, the Executive Pro Tempore shall serve as a Senator Executive, whose selection and duties are defined in the most recent Student Senate Bylaws.

SECTION C. Absence of Chain of Command

The Associated Students is not governed by a “chain of command,” or the hierarchical, vertical construction of an organization. No individual member of the organization may forcibly compel another member of the organization to take any action, formal or otherwise. Only actions made by the Student Senate or the Inter-Club Council may compel or authorize official actions made by the Associated Students.

SECTION D. Executive Council

The Student Senate Executive Council shall consist of the President of the Student Senate, Vice-President of the Student Senate, Vice-President of Finance, Vice-President of Activities, Inter-Club Council President, and Executive Pro Tempore.

SECTION E. Bylaws of the Student Senate

The Student Senate shall establish guidelines for all members in the Bylaws of the Student Senate.

SECTION F. Advisor(s)

Advisor(s) shall be appointed by the Administration of Fullerton College as non-voting members.

SECTION G. Student Trustee

A Student Trustee shall be elected by the Fullerton College Students-at-Large to serve as a liaison between the Fullerton College Students-at-Large and the NOCCCD Board of Trustees and shall not hold this position while also holding an Executive Officer position.

ARTICLE IV FUNCTIONS

SECTION A. Authority and Purpose

The Student Senate, operating under authority and powers granted by the NOCCCD Board of Trustees and the California Government, 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. Meetings

The Student Senate is a body subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act body and follows all procedures delineated in the Brown Act (California Government Code sections 54950 through 54963). It shall assemble regularly at a minimum of once every two (2) weeks (barring a Student Senate decision not to meet in a particular week) while the Student Senate is in session. Closed business meetings may be called only as delineated in California Government Code sections 54954 through 54957. Quorum shall be established by the presence of a simple majority of duly elected and appointed Student Senators and Executive Officers at the time of the meeting.

SECTION C. Conduct

The Student Senate may discipline its members for disorderly behavior according to rules established in the Associated Students Bylaws. Student Senate meetings shall be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order's most recent edition. Advisors shall act as Parliamentarians for Student Senate meetings.

SECTION E. Frequency of the Executive Council

The Executive Council shall meet at least once per month while the Student Senate is in session and shall meet as deemed necessary or proper by the Executives while the Student Senate is not in session.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF MEMBERS

SECTION A. Rules Governing Voting Members

Voting members of A.S and their duties shall be specified in the most recent Student Senate Bylaws.

SECTION B. Eligibility

Eligibility requirements for executives, Student Senators, Student Representatives, and the Student Trustee shall be described in the most recent Student Senate Bylaws.

SECTION C. Terms of Office

All terms of office not specifically stated elsewhere shall end on the last day of May, and begin on the first day of June.

ARTICLE VI RESIGNATION, RECALL, INELIGIBILITY

SECTION A. Vacancy and Line of Succession

- If the **President of the Student Senate** is not able to serve his or her duties, then the Vice-President of the Student Senate shall assume the position of President of the Student Senate.

- If the **Vice-President of the Student Senate** is not able to serve his or her duties (including as a result of elevation), then the Executive Pro Tempore shall assume the position of Vice-President of the Student Senate.
- If the **Vice-President of Finance** is not able to serve his or her duties, then the ViceChair of the Finance Committee shall assume the position of Vice-President of Finance.
- If the **Vice-President of Activities** is not able to serve his or her duties, then the Vice Chair the Activities Committee shall assume the position of Vice-President of Activities.
- If the **Inter-Club President** is not able to serve his or her duties, then the Vice-President of the Inter-Club Council shall assume the position of Inter-Club Council President.

SECTION B. Eligibility and Disqualification

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 Bylaws of this Constitution. All Executive Officers, during the time for which they were elected, shall not hold office in any Campus Club.

ARTICLE VII SENATE COMMITTEES

SECTION A. Committee Membership

Duly elected or appointed Student Senators may vote in any Student Senate Standing Committee enumerated below without being approved as members of that Standing Committee, with the exception of the Judicial Committee. Because of the nature of the Judicial Committee's sensitive duties (the maintaining of Associated Students governing documents and the handling of the disciplinary processes of the Associated Students), only approved members of the Judicial Committee, with the exception of Senate Executives, may vote.

Duly elected or appointed Student Representatives must be made members of a committee before voting on actionable items.

SECTION B. Standing Committees

The Student Senate shall establish standing committees as needed to conduct business which shall be described in the most recent Student Senate Bylaws.

SECTION C. Chairpersons of Standing Committees

The Chairpersons of Standing Committees shall be elected from and by the members of the Committee, shall serve for a 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 Student Senate.

Limitations to Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson eligibility for specific Committees shall be as stated in the most recent Student Senate Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII ELECTIONS

SECTION A. Eligibility

Each candidate must meet all eligibility requirements as stated in the most recent Student Senate.

SECTION B. Election Code

All candidates must adhere to Election Code as established by the Student Senate for that election.

SECTION C. Regular Elections

Regular elections will be held once during the first half of Fall semester and once during the second half of Spring semester.

SECTION D. Student Senate Vacancy

When a Student Senate vacancy occurs, the Student Senate may, from the Students-at-Large appoint Senators up to the number of vacant seats.

SECTION F. Special Elections

Special elections may be called when the Student Senate deems it necessary. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the present quorum of the Student Senate shall be required to hold a special election.

ARTICLE IX REFERENDA AND PETITIONS

SECTION A. Referenda

The Fullerton College Students-at-Large shall have the right to petition the Student Senate to arrange special referenda on Campus issues. Petitions for referenda directed to the Student Senate shall be considered valid if they contain signatures equal to or greater than one percent (1%) of the total students enrolled during the current semester. 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.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

SECTION A. Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution of the Associated Students shall be ratified if a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the students who vote for the amendment vote in the affirmative.

SECTION B. Proposal for Amendments from the Students-at-Large

Students may directly propose amendments to this Constitution by petitions submitted to the Student Senate which shall be considered valid; if they contain signatures equal to or greater than one percent (1%) of the total number of students enrolled during the current semester.

Proposed amendments shall be placed on the ballot of the following Student Body Election and must achieve a two-thirds majority vote of those students voting for the amendment.

SECTION C. Amending Governing Documents

The Bylaws, Operations and Procedures Manual, and Associated Students Election Code may be revised by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the present quorum of the Student Senate.

SECTION D. Supremacy

No provisions in the Bylaws or Operations and Procedures Manual, nor in the constitution, bylaws, or other governing documents of subsidiary, subordinate, or constituent organizations, may supersede the provisions of this Constitution.

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