

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS *of*
SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name

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

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the ASSC is to provide effective representation of the students of Solano Community College and to influence decisions within the college on behalf of student interests and needs.

Article III. Membership

The membership of the ASSC shall consist of all students currently enrolled at Solano Community College.

Article IV. Representation

Section I. The ASSC shall be represented by the Executive Board and the Student Senate. No member of the Executive Board or the Student Senate may hold two offices simultaneously.

Section II. A Legislative Advocate shall be elected during a general election, and shall serve a term equal to that of the ASSC President, and may be removed from office according to the procedure for removing an elected officer. The Legislative Advocate shall be a member of the Executive Board.

Section III. A Solano Community College District Student Trustee shall be elected in a general election, and shall serve a term set by the District. Candidates for the Student Trustee shall meet the qualifications set for President of the ASSC and any additional Student Trustee requirements set by the District. The Student Trustee shall be a member of the Executive Board.

Article V. Executive Board

Section I. The Executive Board shall consist of the following elected and appointed positions:

- A. President
- B. Vice-President

- C. Legislative Advocate
- D. Student Trustee
- E. Executive Secretary
- F. Treasurer
- G. Public Relations Officer

Section II. The Executive Board shall consist of elected and appointed positions.

A. Elected Positions

1. The President and Vice-President shall be elected positions.
2. Each candidate for the Presidency shall select a Vice- Presidential running mate and they shall run for their respective offices as a unit in a general election before the students of Solano Community College. In the event one of the units does not win a simple majority, a runoff election will be held between the two units receiving the highest number of votes. The unit receiving the highest number of votes in the runoff election shall be declared the winner.
3. Minimum qualifications for the all elected officer positions are defined in the ASSC Bylaws.
4. Succession procedures for the President and/or Vice-President
 - a. In the event that the office of President shall be vacated, the Vice-President shall resume the position, duties, and term of the President.
 - b. In the event that the office of Vice-President shall be vacated, the President shall nominate a candidate for Vice-President. A two-thirds majority vote of the Student Senate is needed for the nominee to take office. In the event that the first nominee does not receive two-thirds, another nomination shall be made by the President.
 - c. In the event that both the office of President and the office of Vice-President should become vacant simultaneously, the Student Senate will elect a President/Vice-President unit to complete the term of the previous President/ Vice President unit.
 - i. Candidates for succession can be nominated by any Senator or Executive Board member, or a petition of fifty ASSC members.
 - ii. The candidates shall meet the criteria for the positions as defined in the ASSC Bylaws.
 - iii. In the event that half of the Student Senate positions are vacant at the time of the President/Vice-President vacancy, a general election shall be held as defined in Article V, Section II.A.2. The President/Vice President-elect shall take office one week after the results of the election, and their term will end on May 31.

- d. In the event that the office of Student Trustee shall be vacated, the President shall nominate a candidate for Student Trustee. A two-thirds majority vote of the Student Senate is needed for the nominee to take office. In the event that the first nominee does not receive two-thirds, another nomination shall be made by the President.
- e. In the event that the office of Legislative Advocate shall be vacated, the President shall nominate a candidate for Student Trustee. A two-thirds vote of the Student Senate is needed for the nominee to take office. In the event that the first nominee does not receive two-thirds, another nomination shall be made by the President.

B. Appointed Positions

- 1. The Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer shall be appointed by a Selection Committee composed of students and the ASSC Advisor. The composition of the Selection Committee shall be defined in the ASSC Bylaws.
- 2. Minimum qualifications for the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer are defined in the ASSC Bylaws.
- 3. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer shall officially take their positions upon their appointment by the Selection Committee and the confirmation of the President and Vice-President. The appointments and confirmation may be made any time after June 1 and thereafter the term of office for these positions will coincide with that of the President and Vice-President.

Article VI. Student Senate

Section I. The Student Senate shall consist of the following Senate Positions:

- A. Governing Board Representative
- B. Senator for Curriculum (Vocational)
- C. Senator for Curriculum (Academic)
- D. Senator for Student Services
- E. Senator for Diversity Affairs
- F. Senator for Business Services
- G. Senator for Business
- H. Senator for Fine and Applied Arts
- I. Senator for Health and Physical Education
- J. Senator for Humanities
- K. Senator for Science and Mathematics
- L. Senator for Social Science

M. Senator for Career Technical Education

Section II. Members of the Student Senate shall be appointed by a Selection Committee composed of students and the ASSC Advisor. The composition of the Selection Committee is defined in the ASSC Bylaws.

Section III. The meetings of the Student Senate shall be conducted as follows:

- A. The Student Senate shall meet at least once a month during the academic year.
- B. Half plus one of the positions held on the Student Senate shall constitute a quorum. Roll Call shall determine the presence or the absence of a quorum.
- C. The meetings shall be conducted in accordance with parliamentary procedure as defined in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised Edition.
- D. Each member of the Student Senate shall have one vote.
- E. The President shall have the right of veto. A two-thirds majority vote of the Student Senate is necessary to override the veto.

Article VII. Recall of Elected Officers

Section I. Recall of any elected officer may be initiated with the presentation to the Student Senate of a petition which contains 200 or more signatures of ASSC members. The petition specifically must state the reason for which the incumbent is being recalled.

Section II. The Student Senate shall appoint a Procedural Review Committee as provided for in the ASSC Bylaws to review the charge and to verify the authenticity of the signatures on the petition.

Section III. The Procedural Review Committee shall make a written recommendation based on the findings of the investigation to the Student Senate to proceed or discontinue with the recall proceedings. A recommendation to discontinue with the proceedings must be the result of:

- 1) unfounded or unsubstantiated charge(s), and/or
- 2) insufficient number of valid signatures.

If the recommendation is to continue with the recall process, the Student Senate must comply with the recommendation.

Section IV. If the Procedural Review Committee recommends that the recall proceedings continue, the procedure shall be as follows:

- A. A recall vote of the ASSC membership shall be taken.

- B. A two-thirds vote of ASSC members participating in the recall vote shall be required to remove an incumbent from office.

Article VIII. Impeachment of Appointed Officers and Senators

Section I. An appointed Officer or Senator may be impeached for at least one of three reasons:

- A. Hostile or violent language or behavior towards any person or property, private or public, while fulfilling the duties of his or her position, or while representing the ASSC, or while on Solano Community College grounds.
- B. Any illegal behavior while fulfilling the duties of his or her position, or while representing the ASSC, or while on Solano Community College grounds.
- C. Gross negligence of the duties of his or her position.

Section II. Impeachment proceedings can be initiated by a petition of 200 ASSC members.

- A. The petition must contain printed name, student identification number, and address of each signer.
- B. The petition must specifically state the reason for which the impeachment procedures are being called.
- C. The petition must contain the name and position of only one official to be impeached.
- D. The Procedural Review Committee shall be appointed as provided for in the ASSC Bylaws to review the charge and to verify the authenticity of the signatures on the petition.
- E. The Procedural Review Committee shall make a written recommendation based on the findings of the investigation to the Student Senate to proceed or discontinue with the impeachment.
 - 1. A recommendation to discontinue with the impeachment proceedings must be the result of
 - a. unfounded or unsubstantiated charge(s) and/or
 - b. insufficient number of valid signatures.
 - 2. The Student Senate must comply with the recommendation of the Procedural Review Committee.

Section III. Impeachment proceedings can be initiated by a written charge from any Senator or Executive Board officer.

- A. The charge must specifically state the reason for which the impeachment procedures are being called.
- B. The charge must contain the name and position of only one official to be impeached.
- C. The charge must be presented to the President, and must be presented at the next meeting of the Student Senate.

- D. If at least two Senators support the continuation of the impeachment procedures, the President must appoint the Procedural Review Committee in accordance with the ASSC Bylaws.
- E. The Procedural Review Committee, based on the investigation, can only discontinue the proceedings based on unfounded or unsubstantiated charge(s).
- F. The Student Senate must follow the recommendation to proceed or discontinue with the impeachment proceedings.

Section IV. If the impeachment proceedings continue, the charges and the results of the Procedural Review Committee shall be made available to the Senate and a vote of at least two-thirds shall be necessary to remove the official from office.

Section V. Any official removed from office may not hold any other elected or appointed office of the ASSC for one year after removal from office.

Section VI. The results or investigative results of the impeachment proceedings cannot be used by the ASSC to publicly or privately defame the character of the person who was the object of the proceedings.

Article IX. Amendments and Ratification

Section I. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a two-thirds vote of the Student Senate, or by the presentation of a petition of 200 or more signatures of ASSC members.

Section II. Ratification of this Constitution and any proposed amendments shall be placed on the spring semester general election ballot and shall require a two-thirds vote of the ASSC membership.

Section III. This Constitution shall take effect on the first day of June after ratification. Any part of the ASSC Bylaws that conflict with this Constitution shall become void at the time this Constitution becomes effective.

Section IV. The proposed amendments and/or ratification must be posted in a well-populated, conspicuous area at least ten (10) school days prior to the election.

Article X. ASSC Bylaws

Additions or amendments to the ASSC Bylaws may be proposed by any Senator or by petition of 50 signatures of the ASSC membership presented to the Student Senate, and upon ratification of a majority of the Student Senate, shall become a part of the Bylaws.

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