

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO SENATE

We, the Associated Students of the College of Southern Idaho, ASCSI, in order to provide for the organized conduct of student affairs and to promote and facilitate student participation in educational, intellectual, social, cultural, civic, and recreational activities, and as the official voice of the Associated Students of the College of Southern Idaho, hereby set forth the powers and limitations of the student government which shall be referred to as the ASCSI Senate, and the College of Southern Idaho shall be referred to as CSI in this document.

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP AND RIGHTS OF THE ASCSI

All current fee paying CSI students shall be members of the ASCSI with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities in any CSI or related activity to which the authority of this constitution extends. The ASCSI Senate shall not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, disability, veteran's status, or national origin.

ARTICLE II: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE ASCSI

Section 1: Executive Officer Membership

The executive officers of the ASCSI shall consist of the ASCSI President and ASCSI Vice-President who are elected by popular vote of the ASCSI, and the Treasurer and Secretary, who shall be nominated by the Rules Committee, who are then appointed by the ASCSI President, and confirmed by the ASCSI Senate by a supermajority vote.

Clause 1: There shall be exactly four Executive Officers; The ASCSI President, ASCSI Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 2: Executive Council

Clause 1: The Executive Council consists of the ASCSI President, ASCSI Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Pro-Tempore and Advisors.

Clause 2: All members of the ASCSI Executive Council shall be required to attend all Executive Council meetings.

Clause 3: The ASCSI President shall be the Chair and preside over the Executive Council.

Clause 4: Executive Council members are not permitted to make motions in ASCSI Senate meetings excluding the Pro-Tempore.

Section 3: ASCSI President

Clause 1: The Executive Power shall be vested in the President of the ASCSI. The ASCSI President shall hold the term for a period of one year, and together with the ASCSI Vice-President, chosen for the same term, shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast by current fee paying CSI Students enrolled at the time of election.

Clause 2: In the case of the vacancy of the ASCSI President from office, such as death, resignation or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office as determined by the ASCSI Senate, the same shall transfer to the ASCSI Vice-President. Should vacancies occur in both the offices of ASCSI President and ASCSI Vice-President, the Pro-Tempore of the ASCSI Senate shall then act as ASCSI President.

Clause 3: The ASCSI President shall be a non-voting member of the ASCSI Senate and ex-officio member of all ASCSI councils, and committees.

Clause 4: The ASCSI President shall administer the affairs of the ASCSI and shall be charged with executing all laws and rules adopted by the ASCSI.

Clause 5: The ASCSI President shall be the chief diplomat and shall develop and maintain relations with the administration of CSI, the local, state, and federal governments, other student associations and all other entities, which shall affect the general welfare of the ASCSI.

Clause 6: In order to maintain relations with the administration of CSI the ASCSI President shall be required, but not limited to, attending all Board of Trustee meetings. In case of emergency a representative of the ASCSI Senate shall be appointed by the Senate to attend in their place.

Clause 7: The ASCSI President may enter into agreement with other entities for the general welfare of the ASCSI. All legally binding agreements to which the ASCSI President may enter into, shall be approved by a supermajority vote of the ASCSI Senate, with the exception of any agreement that falls outside the jurisdiction of the executive powers outlined herein.

Clause 8: The ASCSI President shall make any order necessary for the legal operation of the executive branch, which shall be made available to the ASCSI, and shall direct any person or entity responsible to the executive branch to perform any legal task, within its scope, that is necessary for the general welfare of the ASCSI.

Clause 9: The ASCSI President shall establish such executive councils, and committees as necessary to serve the general welfare of the ASCSI.

Clause 10: The ASCSI President shall have the sole power and discretion to make all appointments to ASCSI Senate offices and committees with the exception of any office whose membership is determined by election or otherwise stated herein.

Clause 11: The ASCSI President shall be required to appoint individual(s) to fill all vacancies in elected or appointed office(s) for the remainder of the term of the said vacated office(s).

Clause 12: The ASCSI President may dismiss any member within the ASCSI Senate with stated cause and a supermajority vote of the ASCSI Senate.

Clause 13: The ASCSI President shall be empowered to approve or veto all ASCSI Senate legislation, with the exception of all internal rules and procedures, as established within this constitution and the ASCSI Bylaws.

Clause 14: The ASCSI President shall call special sessions of the ASCSI Senate when necessary to protect and maintain the general welfare of the ASCSI.

Clause 15: The ASCSI President shall preside over the ASCSI Executive Council and ASCSI Senate.

Clause 16: The ASCSI President shall perform any other duties that are necessary to promote and defend the general welfare of the ASCSI as defined in the ASCSI Bylaws.

Clause 17: The ASCSI President shall appoint members of the ASCSI Senate to the Rules Committee.

Clause 18: The ASCSI President shall be subject to removal from office by recall or impeachment as allowed in Article VII, Section 3 and 4 of this constitution.

Clause 19: Additional duties shall be defined in the ASCSI Bylaws.

Section 4: ASCSI Vice-President

Clause 1: The ASCSI Vice-President shall be the Chair of all ASCSI Senate meetings, but shall only vote in the case of a tie vote amongst the voting members of the ASCSI Senate.

Clause 2: The ASCSI Vice-President shall assume the duties of the ASCSI President whenever the ASCSI President designates or is absent from his/her duties.

Clause 3: In case of vacancy or absence of the ASCSI Vice-President the Pro-Tempore shall take over all duties and responsibilities of the ASCSI Vice-President.

Clause 4: The ASCSI Vice-President shall be ex-officio member of all ASCSI committees, and councils.

Clause 5: The ASCSI Vice-President shall be subject to removal from office by recall or impeachment as allowed in Article VII, Section 3 and 4 of this constitution.

Clause 6: Additional duties shall be defined in the ASCSI Bylaws.

Section 5: ASCSI Secretary

Clause 1: The ASCSI Secretary disseminates and maintains all records of the Senate and is a non-voting member of the Senate.

Clause 2: The ASCSI Secretary shall be appointed by the ASCSI President from the newly elected eight Sophomore Senate members, with the approval of the new ASCSI President-Elect.

Clause 3: Additional qualifications and duties shall be defined in the ASCSI Bylaws.

Section 6: ASCSI Treasurer

Clause 1: The ASCSI Treasurer monitors the financial records of the Senate and is a non-voting member of the Senate.

Clause 2: The ASCSI Treasurer shall be appointed by the ASCSI President from the newly elected eight Sophomore Senate members, with the approval of the new ASCSI President-Elect.

Clause 3: Additional qualifications and duties shall be defined in the ASCSI Bylaws.

Section 7: ASCSI Senate Pro-Tempore

Clause 1: The ASCSI Senate Pro

Clause 5: A majority of the current senate membership shall be necessary for a quorum to conduct business.

Clause 6: Every bill, which has passed the ASCSI Senate, shall, before it becomes a law, be submitted to the President of the ASCSI, and if approved, shall sign the bill, but if vetoed, the ASCSI President shall present it with objections to the ASCSI Senate within ten calendar days of its passage.

Clause 7: The ASCSI Senate may override the veto of the ASCSI President with a supermajority vote, upon which it shall become law. The ASCSI Senate shall have no more than two opportunities to override the veto within two calendar weeks of the veto's return to override the veto.

Clause 8: If any bill is not returned by the ASCSI President to the ASCSI Senate, within ten calendar days after it has been presented to the ASCSI President, the said bill shall become law, as if it had been signed by the ASCSI President; unless the ASCSI Senate by their adjournment prevent its return, in which case it shall not become law.

Clause 9: Every bill or resolution, which has a binding and enforceable effect, shall be submitted to the ASCSI President for approval or veto.

Clause 10: All records of proceedings of the ASCSI Senate shall be kept and made available to the ASCSI and shall be publicly posted as defined by the ASCSI Bylaws.

Clause 11: The ASCSI Senate shall have the sole power of impeachment.

Clause 12: The ASCSI Senate shall have the sole power to enact legislation with the exception of referendum and initiative as outlined herein.

Clause 13: The ASCSI Senate shall have the power to establish committees or other appendages necessary to assist in their legislative and administrative functions.

Clause 14: The ASCSI Senate shall have the power to conduct investigations into matters concerning student welfare and to make recommendations to appropriate college authorities.

Clause 15: The ASCSI Senate shall have the sole power to review, at will, appointments made within the ASCSI.

Clause 16: The ASCSI Senate shall have the sole power to establish election rules and supervise all ASCSI elections.

Clause 17: The ASCSI Senate shall have the sole power to grant recognition to all campus councils, clubs, and organizations.

Clause 18: All meetings of the ASCSI Senate, except when in executive session, shall be open to all members of the ASCSI and provisions shall be made to accommodate all those that desire to attend.

Clause 19: The ASCSI Senate shall establish procedures through bylaws and standard operating procedures.

Clause 20: Senators shall be subject to removal from office by recall or impeachment as allowed in Article VII, Section 3 and 4. .

ARTICLE IV: COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE SYSTEM

Section 1: Councils

Standing councils shall be determined by the ASCSI Senate in the spring semester for the following academic year. Further requirements, specifications, and liaison duties shall be outlined in the ASCSI Bylaws.

Section 2: Committees

There shall be two standing committees of the ASCSI Senate: The Rules Committee, and Legislative Committee.

Section 3: Chairpersons and Duties

The ASCSI Senate shall have at the minimum of one Senator as the chairperson over a committee. Duties shall be defined in the ASCSI Bylaws.

ARTICLE V: FINANCE

Section 1: Revenue

All revenue from designated student fees and generated by activities or any other means of funding of the ASCSI shall be monitored and controlled by the ASCSI Senate.

Section 2: Budget

The Senate shall be responsible for establishing an annual budget for the ASCSI Senate, councils, and entities. The budget must be approved by a supermajority vote of the Senate. The budget shall be passed no later than the second week of May, and be submitted to the appropriate administrator.

Clause 3: All election results will be certified by the Rules Committee and approved by the ASCSI Senate within two weeks of the election, except in case of a protest in which one extra week will be allowed.

Clause 4: All election protests must be received by the Rules Committee Chairperson, in writing, or email within three calendar days of the election date.

Clause 5: The candidate for office, elected or appointed, shall begin attending ASCSI Senate meetings

Clause 3: To be eligible to run for the office of the ASCSI President or the ASCSI Vice-President, a student must have served a parliamentary position. "Parliamentary position" shall be interpreted as having served one full semester in the ASCSI Senate at the College of Southern Idaho.

Clause 2: No referendum shall be valid if it is in contradiction with the Constitution of the ASCSI.

Clause 3: All petitions must be registered with the ASCSI Secretary before signature collection begins.

Clause 4: Special elections shall occur no later than forty-five calendar days following the filing of a successful petition.

Section 3: Recall of Senate Members

The ASCSI President, Vice-President, and Senators shall be subject to removal from office by recall of any ASCSI student(s) in the following manner: A petition containing the full text of the charges and complaints against the said officer and the validated signatures of a minimum fifteen percent of the ASCSI and file it with the ASCSI Secretary or advisors. Subsequent to the validation of a petition in proper form, a recall election shall be held against the officer listed in the said petition. For the ASCSI President, Vice-President, or Senators to be recalled from office, supermajority of the votes cast must be in favor of the recall, provided the number voting in the recall election is at least equal to the number of constituents who voted for said officer in the election in which said officer achieved office or normally would have achieved office. A recall election shall occur within thirty calendar days of the validation of the petition calling for the recall.

Clause 1: No officer shall be recalled, nor a petition be circulated calling for the recall of an officer, who has not held the office, from which recall is being sought, for more than thirty days. No person shall be recalled from office who has less than thirty calendar days left before the natural expiration of the term.

Clause 2: The recall petition shall include details of the grounds for which the officer should be removed from office. In addition, a line for the printed name, signature, and student identification number of all students signing the petition. All signatures, printed names, and student identification numbers must be legible.

Clause 3: The ASCSI Senate shall legislate the form and manner of all recall elections within the guidelines contained herein.

Clause 4: All petition drives must register with the ASCSI Secretary before signature collection begins.

Section 4: Impeachment

All elected or appointed officers of the ASCSI Senate, shall be subject to removal from office by impeachment for mis-, mal- or nonfeasance of duty, high crimes or misdemeanors against the ASCSI.

Clause 1: The ASCSI Senate shall have the sole power of impeachment. The accused officer shall have the right to a fair and impartial hearing by the ASCSI Senate.

Clause 2: No member of the Senate shall be tried for impeachment until the accused has been notified, in writing, of the charges seven calendar days prior to the hearing. A hearing shall take place no later than three calendar weeks after the accused has received written notification. No trial for the impeachment of the accused member shall take place without the indictment of a supermajority of the total membership of the ASCSI Senate.

Clause 3: An officer shall be removed from office, after a hearing, if a unanimous vote of the ASCSI Senate is in favor of removal.

Clause 4: Judgments in cases of impeachment shall not extend further than the removal from office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the ASCSI. However, the party convicted shall be liable and subject to indictment, trial, judgment and punishment according to law.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Manner of Proposed Amendments

Proposed amendments and/or revisions to the Constitution shall be submitted to the ASCSI Senate for approval by a supermajority vote. Amendments approved by the ASCSI Senate shall then be submitted to the membership of the ASCSI in a general or special election and shall be approved by a simple majority of the membership of the ASCSI casting ballots at that election.

- Clause 1:** All amendments to this Constitution shall be added to the text of this Constitution.
- Clause 2:** The approval dates for the amendments and ratification shall be recorded at the end of this constitution and shall be listed consecutively.

Section 2: Ratification of Amendments

A constitutional amendment shall take effect if it is approved on a simple majority of the ballots cast at any regular or special election. The changes made to the Constitution shall go into effect the following academic year. All proposed amendments must contain the full text of the amendment(s).

Clause 1: Upon ratification of this Constitution by a simple majority of valid ballots cast by the membership of the ASCSI in an election called by the ASCSI Senate, this Constitution shall be valid in all intents and purposes the following academic year.

Clause 2: Any and all existing constitutions, bylaws and rules within the ASCSI that are inconsistent with this Constitution shall hereby be considered null and void.

Clause 3: The current members of the ASCSI Senate shall continue in office until the first installation of officers under this Constitution. All elected and appointed members of the ASCSI Senate shall be bound by oath of affirmation to support, protect and defend this Constitution.

Section 3: Special Circumstances for Ratification of Amendments

In case of urgent circumstances for the betterment of the ASCSI students, the ASCSI Senate through unanimous vote may hold a special election for the purposes of amending the ASCSI Senate Constitution

ARTICLE X: BYLAWS

The ASCSI Bylaws shall contain all regulations deemed necessary by and for the ASCSI Senate for the procedural operation of the Student Governance Council. (The following text is a placeholder for the actual bylaws content.)