

MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

This Constitution, established by a representative body of students of Mt. San Antonio College, serves to promote and protect the diverse needs of the student population, enhance the awareness of student concerns through open communication with administration, faculty and staff, foster opportunities for leadership and involvement in the campus community, and execute all obligations, both fiscal and judiciary in an objective and ethical manner.

ARTICLE I
NAME

Section 1: The name of this Association shall be the Associated Students of Mt. San Antonio College.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: All registered students of Mt. San Antonio College who have paid the current Student Activities Fee shall be members of this Association.

Section 2: The Associated Students shall not discriminate on the bases of sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, religious creed, national origin, ancestry, age (over 40 for employment related matters), marital status, physical or mental disability (including HIV & AIDS), sexual orientation, or Vietnam Era Veteran Status or any other category protected by federal or state law in its educational programs.

Section 3: Members of the Associated Students Senate, Associated Students' President, Vice President, Inter-Club Council Chair, Inter-Club Council Vice-Chair, and the justices of the Associated Students Court shall be the officers of the Associated Students' Student Government.

ARTICLE III
A.S. OFFICER ELIGIBILITY

Section 1: Eligibility for office requires completion of a minimum of one semester at Mt. SAC with 6 (six) graded units and a 2.5 cumulative Mt. SAC grade point average.

Section 2: Any member of Student Government shall be eligible to hold office if s/he maintains and completes 5 graded units (non-credit classes are not accepted), maintains a 2.5 Mt. SAC cumulative grade point average, and maintains a 2.0 semester grade point average.

Section 3: In order to remain in office all Associated Student Officers are required to abide by the College Code of Conduct, Associated Students Constitution, Associated Students Directives, Inter-Club Council Constitution, and the Associated Students Judiciary Rules & Procedures.

Section 4: No elected or appointed officer of this Association shall hold two offices at the same time. This includes serving as an officer in a campus club (as recognized by Inter-Club Council) or campus organization.

Section 5: No Mt. SAC student can be re-elected or appointed to the same position. No Mt. SAC student can serve as an A.S. Officer for more than four semesters regardless of the position(s) held.

Section 6: No Mt. SAC student can be appointed to a different senate position while currently seated as an A.S. senator. If they wish to run for a new position, they must first resign from their current position by the end of the 2nd week of the semester.

ARTICLE IV MEETING RULES

Section 1: Associated Students and its subsidiary bodies will conduct meetings in accordance with California state law and abide by the Brown Act. This includes, but is not limited to, Senate, Executive Board, Student Court, and Inter-Club Council. For exceptions see the most recent and complete version of the Brown Act. In all cases Associated Students will comply with the most current open meeting laws for the state of California.

Section 2: All branches of Associated Students must have a quorum in order to conduct business. The definition of quorum for all branches of Associated Students is 50 percent plus one of the current membership (this includes non-voting members).

ARTICLE V CLUB OFFICER & MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Section 1: College clubs are considered subsidiary bodies of Associated Students and as such all **club officers** are required to comply with the following. Any Mt. SAC student shall be eligible to hold a club officer position if s/he maintains enrollment in a minimum of 5 graded units (non-credit classes are not accepted), maintains a 2.5 minimum Mt. SAC cumulative grade point average (Mt. SAC grade point average is not required if this is the students' first term at Mt. SAC), maintains a 2.0 minimum semester grade point average, and pays the current Student Activity fee. All **club members** are also required to pay the current Student Activities fee and maintain enrollment in a minimum of 5 graded units (non-credit classes are not accepted) in order to be recognized members of any Mt. SAC club. Individual clubs may require higher standards than what is listed above but may NOT have lower standards.

Section 2: In order to remain in office all club officers are required to abide by the College Code of Conduct, Associated Students Constitution, Associated Students Directives, Inter-Club Council Constitution, Associated Students Judiciary Rules & Procedures, and Mt. San Antonio College policies.

Section 3: No Mt. SAC student may hold any club officer position for more than four semesters.

ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS

Section 1: The A.S. President, Vice President, Inter-Club Council Chairperson, Inter-Club Council Vice Chairperson, Student Trustee and two Senate Chairs shall be elected in the Spring General Election. There shall be one General Election per year. Said election will be held during the Spring Semester. It shall be the President's responsibility to see that said election is held.

Section 2: All Associated Students elected officers and the Student Trustee shall serve a one-year term. The term for the Associated Students Officers begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th of the following year. The Student Trustee shall be elected in accordance with Mt. SAC Board Policy.

Section 3: The A.S. President and A.S. Vice President shall be elected on the same ticket. The Inter-Club Council Chairperson and Inter-Club Council Vice Chairperson shall be elected on the same ticket. The Student Trustee and two Senate Chairs shall each run on individual tickets.

ARTICLE VII
EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: The A.S. President shall serve as the chair of the Executive Board.

Section 2: The Executive Board shall consist of the A.S. President, A.S. Vice President, two Senate Chairs, ICC Chairperson, and ICC Vice Chairperson. All Associated Students Officers shall have voting powers. The Student Trustee shall serve as a non-voting member.

Section 3: In the absence of the A.S. President, the A.S. Vice President shall preside over all meetings. When acting as the presiding officer, the chair shall vote only in a case where it shall affect the outcome of the item being voted upon.

Section 4: A majority of the current membership shall constitute a quorum. Quorum refers to all individuals who are a part of Executive Board, not just voting members.

Section 5: The Executive Board shall meet a minimum of twice a month with the exception of holidays and finals as recognized by the College. Any official meetings during the summer and winter intersession are at the discretion of the A.S. Advisor.

Section 6: The Executive Board shall have the power to:

- Adopt penalties related to the attendance, involvement, performance of duties, and professionalism of all officers of this Association.
- Ratify or veto all Senate and Presidential appointments.
- Act upon all legislation forwarded by the Senate.
- Request removal of an A.S. officer by a 3/4 vote for failure to perform required duties. Final action requires a 2/3 vote of Senate.
- Adjourn into executive session in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act or any related State legislation pertaining to executive sessions.
- Establish committees, commissions and boards as deemed necessary to conduct A.S. business.
- Ratify or veto all Senate legislation as defined in the Organizational Directive. In a case, where an item failed to be ratified during Executive Board, the legislation goes back to the Senate for further discussion.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1: The primary responsibilities of the Associated Students Senate are: a) the allocation of revenue entrusted to the Associated Students b) the monitoring of A.S. funded accounts, c) sponsoring events and programs designed to enrich and entertain a diverse student population d) enacting legislation which impacts student concerns and e) serving as a voice and advocate for student issues.

Section 2: The Senate shall consist of 16 Senators two of which shall serve as Senate Chairs. Each Senate seat shall have an assigned job description in addition to a core of general responsibilities. Senate appointments must be completed by the fifth week of the semester. Each Senator shall remain in his/her office for the entire semester and throughout the following semester unless action is taken against them.

Section 3: The Senate Chairs shall alternate presiding over the meetings of the Senate. The Senate Chair not presiding shall share the same voting rights as the senators. When acting as the presiding officer, the Senate Chair shall vote only in a case where it shall affect the outcome of the vote. In the absence of one of the Senate Chairs, the other Senate Chair shall be the presiding officer.

Section 4: The Senate shall meet a minimum of twice a month during the Fall and Spring Semesters with the exception of holidays and finals as defined by the College. Any official meetings during the summer and winter intersession are at the discretion of the A.S. Advisor.

Section 5: All Senate legislation shall be reviewed by the Executive Board before going to the President for approval. Should the Executive Board not approve the legislation it shall be returned to the Senate with written objections within one week, otherwise the legislation shall go to the President for approval.

Section 6: All approved Senate legislation shall be submitted to the A.S. President for his/her review. The A.S. President may exercise the power of veto in full or in part. Should the President veto any legislation it shall be returned to the Senate with written objections within one week, otherwise the legislation becomes effective.

Section 7: The Senate shall have the power to:

- Initiate and enact legislation dealing with the Association.
- Adopt and administer the Associated Students Budget.
- Establish and administer Associated Students sponsored programs.
- Make recommendations to the College Administration.
- Establish standing rules governing its operation.
- Adjourn into executive or personnel sessions in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act or any related state legislation pertaining to Executive Session.
- Establish committees and commissions as deemed necessary.
- Remove any member of the Senate from office, requiring a 2/3 vote.
- Only the A.S. Vice President may move up to a vacant A.S. President position and only A.S. officers may move up to vacant Vice President or Senate Chair positions. An official appointment process must be started within five (5) school days of a vacancy occurring.
- Override A.S. Presidential veto and Executive Board's decisions by a 3/4 vote without amendments.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1: The judicial power of the Associated Students shall be vested in the Student Court. The Student Court shall have the authority within the Association to interpret the constitution and supporting documents of the Association. The Student Court shall have the power of Judicial Review, as defined in the Judiciary rules and Procedures, over any legislation enacted by the Student Senate or any action by the Executive Board or President.

Section 2: The Student Court shall consist of one (1) Chief Justice and four (4) Associate Justices. The application and appointment process shall be directed by the Judiciary Rules & Procedures.

Section 3: The Student Court shall meet bi-monthly or as needed.

Section 4: The Student Court has jurisdiction over all registered students involved with campus clubs and organizations. It has within its powers the right of review of official actions taken by clubs or organizations, including Senate and the Executive Board. It has the authority to levy disciplinary action over areas within its purview. Issues involving a violation of the Student Discipline Policy must be referred to the appropriate administrative person.

ARTICLE X
RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: The meetings of the Executive Board and the Student Senate shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order, the most recent edition, in all cases when applicable, and where they are not inconsistent with the Constitution, support documents, or standing rules of the Association.

ARTICLE XI
INITIATIVE-REFERENDUM-RECALL

Section 1: The Associated Students shall have the power of initiative, referendum, and recall.

Section 2: Petitions for initiatives and referendums must be placed in writing and then signed by 50 percent of students who have paid the Current Student Activities Fee as the number of students who voted in the contested election. The petition shall then be presented to the Student Senate.

Section 3: Petitions for recalls must be submitted in writing and then signed by 100 percent of students who have paid the current Student Activities Fee as the number of students who voted in the contested election. The petition shall then be presented to the Student Senate.

Section 4: An initiative, referendum or recall requires the simple majority of verified registered students voting in a general election. In order to vote students must have paid the current Student Activities Fee.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended in any election where amendments may be included providing:

- a. That the amendment was adopted by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the attending membership of the Student Senate and approved by a simple majority of the verified registered students voting in any student government election.
- b. That the requirements of an initiative or referendum have been fulfilled.
- c. Amendments will take effect the following school term.

ARTICLE XIII
SUPREMACY

This Constitution shall be the supreme governing document of the Associated Students clubs and organizations. No A.S. Directive or A.S. document shall take precedence in jurisdiction. Any document formulated contrary to the Constitution shall be deemed *unconstitutional* and shall remain invalid.

*Days are defined as Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

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Special election November 2014 – removal of ICC Secretary

Update membership language, discrimination 1/25/16