

**MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS CONSTITUTION**

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PREAMBLE

This Constitution, established by a representative student body 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. Herein after referred to as Associated Students or A.S.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: All registered students at 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 basis of an actual or perceived characteristic related to ethnic group identification, national origin, immigration status, religion, age, sex, gender, gender identification, gender expression, military and veteran status, marital status, medical condition, race, color, ancestry, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law.

Section 3: The Officers of the A.S. are defined as President, Vice President, Inter-Club Council (ICC) Co-Chairs, and the Justices of Student Court.

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 A.S. shall be eligible to hold office if they maintain and complete 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 A.S. Officers are required to abide by the Standards of Conduct, A.S. Constitution, A.S. Directives, ICC Constitution, and the A.S. Judicial Directive.

Section 4: No elected or appointed officer of A.S. shall hold two offices at the same time. This includes serving as an officer in a campus Recognized Club or Organization (RSCO) as recognized by Inter-Club Council.

Section 5: 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: A.S. 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 A.S. must have quorum to conduct business. The definition of quorum for all branches is 50 percent plus one of the current membership (this includes non-voting members).

ARTICLE V RECOGNIZED STUDENT CLUB AND ORGANIZATION OFFICER ELIGIBILITY

Section 1: College RSCOs are considered subsidiary bodies of A.S. and as such all RSCO Officers are required to comply with the following: Any Mt. SAC student shall be eligible to hold a RSCO officer position if they are in good academic standing and maintain enrollment in a minimum of 3 graded units (non-credit classes are not accepted), maintains a 2.0 minimum Mt. SAC cumulative grade point average and a 2.0 minimum semester grade point average (for a minimum of 12 graded units per BP 4250, AP 4250), and pays the current Student Activities Fee. First time Mt. SAC students with no prior units are eligible to serve as an RSCO officer.

Section 2: In order to remain in office all RSCO Officers are required to abide by the Standards of Conduct, A.S. Constitution, A.S. Directives, ICC Constitution, and the A.S. Judicial Directive.

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

ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS

Section 1: The President, Vice President, two Inter-Club Council Co-Chairs, 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 current President's responsibility to see that said election is held.

Section 2: All elected A.S. Officers and the Student Trustee shall serve a one-year term. The term for the A.S. 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 President and Vice President shall run for office on individual tickets. The ICC Co-Chairs shall run for office on individual tickets. The Student Trustee shall run on an individual ticket. The two Senate Chairs shall each run on individual tickets.

ARTICLE VII
EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: The President shall serve as the Chair of the Executive Board.

Section 2: The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, two Senate Chairs, two ICC Co-Chairs, and the Student Trustee. All Associated Students Officers shall have voting powers.

Section 3: In the absence of the President, the 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. Advisors.

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

- a) Adopt penalties related to the attendance, involvement, performance of duties, and professionalism of all Officers of this Association
- b) Ratify or veto all Senate and Presidential appointments
- c) Adjourn into executive session in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act or any related State legislation pertaining to executive sessions
- d) Establish committees, commissions and boards as deemed necessary to conduct A.S. business
- e) 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
SENATE

Section 1: The primary responsibilities of the Senate are:

- a) the allocation of revenue entrusted to the A.S.
- 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 their office for two semesters 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. In the absence of the two Senate Chairs, a Senator may preside over the meeting.

- 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. Advisors.
- Section 5: All Senate legislation shall be reviewed by the Executive Board prior 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.
- Section 6: All approved Senate legislation shall be submitted to the President for their review. The 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.
- Section 7: The Senate shall have the power to:
- a) Initiate and enact legislation dealing with A.S.
 - b) Adopt and administer the A.S. Budget
 - c) Establish and administer A.S. sponsored programs
 - d) Make recommendations to College Administration
 - e) Establish standing rules governing its operation
 - f) Adjourn into executive or personnel sessions in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act or any related state legislation pertaining to Executive Session
 - g) Establish committees and commissions as deemed necessary
 - h) 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 A.S. Vice President or Senate Chair positions. An official appointment process must be started within five (5) school days of a vacancy occurring
 - i) Override A.S. Presidential veto or Executive Board's decisions by a 3/4 vote without amendments

ARTICLE IX STUDENT COURT

- Section 1: The judicial power of the A.S. shall be vested in the Student Court. The Student Court shall have the authority within the A.S. to interpret the constitution and supporting documents of A.S. The Student Court shall have the power of Judicial Review, as defined in the Judiciary rules and Procedures, over any legislation enacted by the Senate or any action by the Executive Board or A.S. President.
- Section 2: The Student Court shall consist of one (1) Chief Justice and six (6) 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. All meetings of the A.S. and its subsidiaries shall be conducted under the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
- Section 4: The Student Court has jurisdiction over all registered students involved with campus clubs and organizations. It has within its powers the right to review 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 Standards of Conduct must be referred to Student Life.
- Section 5: The impeachment of A.S. Officers, excluding Court Justices of the A.S. shall be undertaken by the Student Court and governed by the Judicial Directive.

ARTICLE XI
INITIATIVE-REFERENDUM-RECALL

Section 1: The A.S. shall have the power of initiative, referendum, and recall.

Section 2: Petitions 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 last 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. To vote, students must have paid the current Student Activities Fee.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended in any election provided:

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

ARTICLE XIII
SUPREMACY

This Constitution shall be the supreme governing document of the A.S. and RSCOs. 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.*

- 11/2014 - Special election removal of ICC Secretary
- 6/21/17 - Document updated
- 4/20/22 - Document updated
- 05/2022 - Bill #5 Covid 19 Terms of Office
- 8/17/22 - Document updated
- 05/18/23 - Bill #13 Individual Tickets – President & Vice President, Bill #7 RSCO Officer Eligibility, Student Activities Fee Referendum
- 4/18/24 - Bill #6 Student Court Expansion