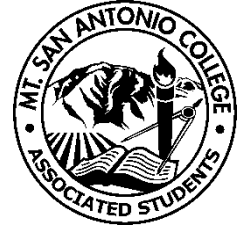




**MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE  
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS CONSTITUTION**

*Approved November 2025*



**PREAMBLE**

This Constitution, established by a representative student body of Mt. San Antonio College, hereafter referred to as Mt. SAC, 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. Hereafter 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.

**ARTICLE III**

**A.S. OFFICER ELIGIBILITY**

Section 1: The Officers of the A.S. are defined as President, Vice President, Senators, Inter-Club Council (ICC) Co-Chairs, and Student Court Justices.

Section 2: Eligibility Requirements:

- a) Have completed a minimum of one (1) semester at Mt. SAC with six (6) graded units.
- b) Be currently enrolled at Mt. SAC and complete a minimum of five (5) graded units (non-credit classes are not accepted) each semester.
- c) Maintain a 2.5 cumulative Mt. SAC grade point average.
- d) Maintain a 2.0 semester Mt. SAC grade point average.
- e) Pay the Student Activities Fee each semester.
- f) Have no discipline records on file at Mt. SAC.

Section 3: In order to remain in office all A.S. Officers are required to abide by the Standards of Conduct Policy, 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 (2) offices at the same time. This includes serving as an officer in a Mt. SAC Recognized Student Clubs and Organizations (RSCO) as recognized by the Inter-Club Council.

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 (4) 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 second (2) 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 and Robert's Rules of Order. 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 of 50 percent (50%) plus one (1) members present to conduct business (this includes non-voting members).

#### **ARTICLE V** **RECOGNIZED STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS OFFICER ELIGIBILITY**

Section 1: Mt. SAC RSCOs are considered subsidiary bodies of A.S. The five (5) recognized RSCO Officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and ICC Representative.

Section 2: RSCO Officer Eligibility Requirements:

- a) Be in good academic standing according to BP 4250 and AP 4250.
- b) Be currently enrolled at Mt. SAC in a minimum of three (3) graded units (non-credit classes are not accepted).
- c) Maintain a 2.0 minimum Mt. SAC cumulative grade point average.
- d) Maintain a 2.0 minimum Mt. SAC semester grade point average.
- e) Pay the current Student Activities Fee each semester.

First time Mt. SAC students with no prior units are eligible to serve as an RSCO officer.

Section 3: In order to remain in office all RSCO Officers are required to abide by the Standards of Conduct Policy, A.S. Constitution, A.S. Directives, ICC Constitution, and the A.S. Judicial Directive.

Section 4: No Mt. SAC student may hold any RSCO officer position for more than four (4) semesters.

## **ARTICLE VI** **ELECTIONS**

Section 1: The President, Vice President, two (2) Inter-Club Council Co-Chairs, and two (2) Senate Chairs shall be elected in the Spring General Election. The Student Trustee shall be elected in accordance with the Mt. SAC Board Policy and Administrative Procedures 2015. There shall be one (1) General Election per year, unless circumstances deem the need for a special election. 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 (1) term. The term for the A.S. Officers begins on July 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. The term for the Student Trustee shall be one-year (1) commencing on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Section 3: All of the following positions shall run for office on individual tickets: President, Vice President, ICC Co-Chairs, Senate Chairs, and Student Trustee.

## **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 (2) Senate Chairs, and two (2) ICC Co-Chairs. The Student Trustee is a non-voting ex-officio member.

Section 3: Only the Vice President may be appointed to a vacant President position. An official Senate appointment process must be started within five (5) school days of a vacancy occurring.

Section 4: In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall serve as Chair. 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 5: A quorum is the minimum number of voting members required to be present at a meeting to conduct business.

Section 6: The Executive Board shall meet a minimum of twice (2) 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 7: The Executive Board shall have the power to:

- a) Implement 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 the Executive Board meeting, 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
- e) serving as a voice and advocate for student issues

Section 2: The Senate shall consist of sixteen (16) Senators, two (2) of which shall serve as Senate Chairs. Each Senate seat shall have an assigned job description in accordance with the Associated Students Organizational Directive. Senate appointments must be completed by the fifth (5) week of the semester. Each Senator shall remain in their office for two (2) 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: 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.

Section 5: The Senate shall meet a minimum of twice (2) 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 6: 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 (1) week.

Section 7: All Executive Board approved 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 (1) week.

Section 8: 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) Override A.S. Presidential veto or Executive Board's decisions by a three-fourths (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 Judicial Directive, 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 Judicial Directive.

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 RSCOs. It has within its powers the right to review official actions taken by RSCOs, 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, shall be undertaken by the Student Court and governed by the Judicial Directive.

## **ARTICLE X** **INITIATIVE-REFERENDUM-RECALL**

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

Section 2: Petitions for referendums must be submitted in writing and then signed by 50 percent (50%) of the number of students who voted in the last election. Those students must also have paid the current Student Activities Fee. The petition shall then be presented to Senate.

Section 3: Petitions for recalls must be submitted in writing and then signed by 100 percent (100%) of the number of students who voted in the contested election. Those students must also have paid the current Student Activities Fee. The petition shall then be presented to 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 XI 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, referendum, or recall have been fulfilled
- c) Amendments will take effect the following primary term

## ARTICLE XII 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
- 11/25/25 Bill #1- Elections of April 2026, revised 6.9.26