

**CONSTITUTION
of
ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY OF SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

PREAMBLE

We, the students of South Puget Sound Community College, in order to organize as a political body and promote student leadership, to provide a diverse voice in the communities, councils, and boards of the College, to promote the general welfare of the students of this institution, to define and protect students' rights and responsibilities, to allocate, oversee and ensure the proper appropriation and use of student fees, report the use of those fees, and to represent and act in an official capacity for the student body in all matters related herein, do hereby establish and enact this Constitution of the Associated Student Body of South Puget Sound Community College.

**ARTICLE I
RECOGNITION**

- SECTION 1: This organization shall now and hereafter be known as the Associated Student Body of South Puget Sound Community College, hereinafter referred to as ASB-SPSCC.
- SECTION 2: The executive and legislative branch of the ASB-SPSCC student government shall be known and hereinafter referred to as the Student Senate.

**ARTICLE II
AUTHORITY**

- SECTION 1: The Student Senate shall have the authority as granted by the Board of Trustees of South Puget Sound Community College to interpret, perform, and execute the duties and responsibilities as referenced in the ASB-SPSCC Constitution and Bylaws, South Puget Sound Community College Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities and South Puget Sound Community College Services and Activities Fee Financial Code. The authority of the Student Senate shall include, but is not limited to, the duties and responsibilities referenced and specified in the aforementioned documents.
- SECTION 2: The Judiciary Council shall have the authority to interpret the ASB-SPSCC Constitution and Bylaws during an appeal process of a Student Senate Constitutional interpretation.

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP**

- SECTION 1: ASB-SPSCC membership shall be limited to individuals currently enrolled in credit bearing classes.
- SECTION 2: An ASB-SPSCC member shall possess, but is not limited to, all rights and responsibilities referenced and specified in the ASB-SPSCC Constitution, SPSCC Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, and the SPSCC Services and Activities Fee Financial Code.
- SECTION 3: An ASB-SPSCC student suspended by the College shall cease to be an ASB-SPSCC member.

**ARTICLE IV
STUDENT SENATE**

- SECTION 1: The Student Senate shall be composed of the ASB President, ASB Vice President of Finance, ASB Vice President of Clubs and Organizations, ASB Senator of Legislative Affairs, ASB Senator of Public Relations, ASB Senator of Information and Health, and the ASB Senator of Diversity and Equity Affairs.
- SECTION 2: The Student Senate advisors, as appointed by the College's Vice President of Student Services, shall not have voting privileges as a member of the Senate.
- SECTION 3: The Student Senate shall be appointed by a selection committee. See bylaws (Article IV, Section 1).

**ARTICLE V
TERM OF OFFICE**

- SECTION 1: The term of office for all appointed Student Senate members shall be a maximum of two (2) years.

**ARTICLE VI
CONSTITUTIONAL INTERPRETATION/APPEAL**

- SECTION 1: The Student Senate shall reserve the right to interpret this document and its bylaws, unless an appeal is requested wherefore interpretation will be forwarded to the Judiciary Council.

**ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENTS**

- SECTION 1: Amendments to the bylaws have to be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the Student Senate members.

**ARTICLE VIII
REFERENDUM**

- SECTION 1: A referendum is a school-wide vote on a measure proposed by the Student Senate.
- SECTION 2: The Student Senate shall have the right to amend the Constitution and levy a voluntary student fee in accordance with State statutes and regulations through the referendum process. The referendum may qualify for an ASB vote with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.
- SECTION 3: For a referendum to be valid, a notification of the upcoming vote must be publicly posted to all students for twenty (20) consecutive days. The vote will be carried out for five (5) instructional days and must reach a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of fifteen (15) percent of the ASB-SPSCC Full Time Equivalent (FTE) students. The vote may be executed electronically, in person, and/or via written communication.
- SECTION 4: To alter the Referendum Process, an amendment of the Constitution must be ratified by the approval of the Student Senate.

**ARTICLE IX
REVENUES**

- SECTION 1: The ASB-SPSCC shall have the authority to generate revenues as specified in the SPSCC Services and Activities Fee Financial Code.
- SECTION 2: All ASB-SPSCC fees and revenues shall be collected, allocated and expended as specified in the SPSCC Services and Activities Fee Financial Code, and in compliance with any and all pertinent policies, regulations and rules.

**ARTICLE X
SERVICES AND ACTIVITY FEE PROCESS**

- SECTION 1: The Services and Activities Budget Committee will be established as described in the Services and Activities Fee Financial Code.

**ARTICLE XI
ENABLING ACT**

Amendments of this document shall render each and every previously recognized Constitution for the Associated Student Body of the South Puget Sound Community College null and void.