

The University of Arizona

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

PREAMBLE

We, the students of The University of Arizona, in order to provide a representative student government, hereby form the Associated Students of the University of Arizona (ASUA) and establish this Constitution. ASUA serves to ensure the articulation of student voices and interests in governance of the university, to organize student involvement, and to advocate for and administer programs, services, and resources that benefit the UArizona student body. Created and approved by the students of UArizona, this document hereby establishes ASUA as the recognized governing authority of the UArizona student body.

Title I NAME AND MEMBERSHIP

Article I. Name

Section 1. The name of the association under which this Constitution is formed shall be the "Associated Students of the University of Arizona," herein referred to as ASUA.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership shall consist of all students registered at the University of Arizona. Members are entitled to vote, to run for, to hold office in ASUA, and to exercise their rights of membership.

Section 2. Members of ASUA shall be granted the following rights:

- A. The right to petition ASUA to address issues of concern.
- B. The right to representation and advocacy.
- C. The right to active engagement in ASUA.
- D. The right to open ASUA meetings, documents, and procedures.

Article III. Elections

Section 1. All elections shall be administered according to the ASUA Elections Code and under the supervision of the Elections Commissioner.

Section 2. Students seeking either elected, appointed, or hired positions in ASUA must meet these qualifications at the time of declaring candidacy, appointment, or hiring and maintain these qualifications throughout their term of service. Candidates must:

- A. Be a member of ASUA
- B. Be a student in good academic and disciplinary standing with the University of Arizona.
- C. Meet extracurricular eligibility requirements as defined by the University of Arizona.
- D. Be a student enrolled in and maintain minimum credit hours the semester prior to the start of their term as defined by the University of Arizona.
- E. Not hold another office within ASUA.

Section 3. ASUA Election dates shall occur no earlier than the third week in February and no later than the second week of April.

Article IV. Terms of Office

Section 1. All ASUA elected officials shall take office beginning at noon on the first regular weekday of May and serve one full year.

Article V. Vacancies

Section 1. Vacancies in any ASUA elected office shall be filled pursuant to the ASUA Bylaws.

Article VI. Non-Discrimination and Inclusion Policy

Section 1. ASUA is committed to adhering to the University of Arizona's non-discrimination and anti-harrasment policies. ASUA will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or genetic information in any of its policies, procedures, and practices. This policy will include, but is not limited to recruiting, membership, organizational activities, or opportunity to hold office.

Title II
EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Article I. Executive Office

Section 1. The ASUA executive officers shall consist of the ASUA President, the ASUA Executive Vice President, and the ASUA Administrative Vice President.

Section 2. The ASUA President shall oversee the Presidential Cabinet and the Presidential Campus Council and serve as the chief executive, financial officer, and spokesperson of ASUA.

Section 3. The ASUA Executive Vice President shall oversee the ASUA Senate and ASUA recognized clubs, club funding, and the club recognition process.

Section 4. The ASUA Administrative Vice President shall oversee the operations and directors of ASUA Programs and Services.

Section 5. The ASUA Presidential, EVP, and AVP Chiefs of Staff shall aid and support their respective executive officers in fulfilling their roles and responsibilities at their discretion.

Section 6. The ASUA Treasurer shall oversee the transfer and expenditures of budgeted ASUA funds at the discretion of the ASUA President and deliver fiscal reports to the ASUA Senate.

Title III LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Article I. Legislative Purview

Section 1. All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in the ASUA Senate. The Senate shall be subject to veto only by the ASUA President, which may be overridden by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the full Senate.

Section 2. The ASUA Senate shall comply with Arizona Revised Statutes regarding open meetings (ARS, 38-431.01).

Article II. ASUA Senate

Section 1. The ASUA Senate shall be led and chaired by the ASUA Executive Vice President.

Section 2. The ASUA Senate shall be composed of twenty-two (22) elected senators and (1) ex-officio ASUA staff member appointed by the ASUA President. The ASUA President and the ASUA Administrative Vice President shall serve as ex-officio members at their discretion in an advisory capacity. Senators shall be elected by their respective colleges. At-Large Senators shall be elected by the whole student body.

Sub-section 1. The ASUA Senate shall have one (1) Senator elected from each of the following nineteen (19) academic colleges:

- A. College of Agriculture and Life Science
- B. College of Applied Sciences and Technology
- C. College of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Architecture
- D. College of Education
- E. College of Engineering
- F. College of Fine Arts
- G. College of Humanities
- H. College of Medicine - Phoenix
- I. College of Medicine - Tucson
- J. College of Nursing
- K. College of Science

- L. College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- M. College of Veterinary Medicine
- N. The Eller College of Management
- O. The James C. Wyant College of Optical Sciences
- P. The James E. Rogers College of Law
- Q. The Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health
- R. The R. Ken Coit College of Pharmacy
- S. The W.A. Franke Honors College

In addition, there will be three (3) At-Large Senators elected by the student body.

Section 3. The ASUA Senate shall elect a Senate President and Appropriations Board Senator to respectively assume the Senate chair in the absence of the ASUA Executive Vice-President. The Appropriations Board Senator shall serve as the chair of the Appropriations Board.

Article III. Standing Committees and Business

Section 1. The ASUA Senate shall have the following four (4) Standing Committees:

- A. Elections and Policy
- B. Budget Oversight
- C. Internal Affairs and Accountability
- D. Projects and Outreach

Section 2 . The Budget Oversight committee shall be chaired by the Appropriations Board Senator. All other committee chairs shall be a Senator appointed by the ASUA Senate President.

Title III
JUDICIAL BRANCH

Article I. The ASUA Supreme Court

Section 1. The judicial power of ASUA shall be vested in one Supreme Court.

Section 2. The Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction over any Constitutional disputes of interpretation. Decisions announced by the Supreme Court shall be final.

Section 3. The Supreme Court shall be composed of five (5) UArizona law students appointed by the ASUA President for the duration of their law school attendance at UArizona. One member of the Supreme Court shall be appointed Chief Justice.

Section 4. Upon request of an Executive Officer or a member of the ASUA Senate, the Supreme Court shall issue advisory opinions on any case arising from ASUA originated action or that of its membership.

Section 5. The Supreme Court shall establish and abide by Rules of Procedure which outline its operational guidelines. The Rules of Procedure shall be approved by the ASUA Senate and the ASUA President.

Section 5. All members of ASUA shall have the ability to ask the Supreme Court to deliver an opinion on any Constitutional issue.

Title IV
APPOINTMENTS AND HIRINGS

Article I. Appointment and Hiring Selection Committees

Section 1. Appointment and interview committees for ASUA positions shall be conducted and chaired by the responsible ASUA Executive Officer as defined by the ASUA Bylaws. Appointment committees must include an ASUA Advisor. Additional members may be included when deemed appropriate by the selection committee chair.

Section 2. The respective ASUA Executive Officer has final approval from the selection committee's recommendation.

Section 3. Appointment and hiring processes must adhere to the University of Arizona human resources policies.

Title V
IMPEACHMENT, CENSURE, AND SUCCESSION

Article I. Censure and Impeachment

Section 1. Articles of Impeachment may be brought against any elected member of ASUA or any ASUA Supreme Court Justice for violations of the Constitution or ASUA Bylaws, nonfeasance, and/or malfeasance.

Section 2. A majority vote in the ASUA Senate shall be required to bring impeachment charges as specified in the ASUA Bylaws.

Article II. Order of Succession

Section 1. In the event of impeachment or resignation of the ASUA President, the order of succession is as follows:

- A. ASUA Executive Vice President
- B. ASUA Administrative Vice President
- C. ASUA Senate President

Section 2. Vacancies in the office of the ASUA Executive Vice President, the ASUA Administrative Vice President, the ASUA Senate President, and any other elected or appointed offices shall be filled pursuant to the ASUA Bylaws.

Title VI
RECALL, LEGAL INITIATIVE, AND REFERENDUM

Article I. Right of Recall

Section 1. The right of recall belongs to all members of ASUA.

Section 2. Upon the petition of ten percent (10%) of the members of ASUA, the ASUA Senate shall hold a recall or special election. Only elected officials or actions listed in the petition shall be subject to recall. Student scholarship funding allocation is not subject to the right of recall.

Section 3. Any officer may be replaced by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the student body, given that the total ballots cast in the recall election amount to two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the total votes cast at the original election for the officer in question.

Section 4. Any action of the ASUA Senate may be modified or rejected by a majority vote of the student body.

Article II. Right of Legal Initiative

Section 1. The right of legal initiative belongs to all members of ASUA.

Section 2. Proposed legislation concerning a question of student policy may be placed on the next general election ballot upon petition of 5% of the members of ASUA.

Section 3. Proposed legislation concerning a question of student policy may be placed on the ballot in a special election upon petition of 10% of the members of ASUA.

Article III. Referendum Procedure

Section 1. The ASUA Senate may submit proposed legislation to the student body for vote.

Section 2. A majority of all votes cast shall be required for passage of the proposed legislation.

Title VII
AMENDMENTS

Article I. Constitutional Amendments

Section 1. Amendments are official revisions, changes, or additions to this Constitution. Any member of ASUA may propose an amendment.

Section 2. Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be presented to the ASUA Senate.

Section 3. To appear on the next election ballot, the proposed amendment may either pass a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the ASUA Senate or be accompanied by a petition signed by 10% of ASUA members.

Section 4. The proposed amendment must be made public to the student body at least three (3) weeks prior to the designated election date for public comment and viewing.

Section 5. The proposed amendment shall be declared approved upon receiving a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote from the voting student body.

Section 5. A proposed amendment may be voted on at a special election if approved by a majority of the ASUA Senate.

Title VIII ASUA BUDGET AND GUARANTEED FUNDING

Article I. Budget

Section 1. The ASUA President shall propose a balanced ASUA budget to the ASUA Senate in consultation with the ASUA Executive Vice President, the ASUA Administrative Vice President, the ASUA Treasurer, the ASUA Senate President, the ASUA Business Manager, and the ASUA Director.

Section 2. The ASUA operating budget must be balanced wherein ASUA expenditures cannot exceed ASUA revenues. ASUA expenditures are defined as all ASUA budgets. ASUA revenue is defined as student fees, the bookstore application, excess rollover from previous years, and programs and services.

Section 3. The budget must be approved by majority vote through a summer meeting of the ASUA Senate held on or before July 1. The budget will provide for ASUA Operations inclusive of summer, through June 30.

Article II. Guaranteed Funding

Section 1. The total ASUA Senate budget shall be equal to 2.5% of the allocation of the funding received from the UArizona Bookstore to ASUA, not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Section 2. ASUA Senate scholarships shall come from the ASUA general budget.

Title IX RATIFICATION AND AUTHORITY

Article I. Constitutional Authority

Section 1. This Constitution shall be binding over all legislation, enactments, and mandates made by the ASUA Senate prior to the adoption of this Constitution. This Constitution shall govern this organization, subject to the laws and policies of The University of Arizona, the Arizona Board of Regents, and the State of Arizona.

Section 2. A constitutional change approved pursuant to this Constitution may not take effect until the next general election following the election (general or special) where the referendum was voted on. This provision does not apply to the addition or removal of ASUA Senate seats.

Section 3. This Constitution will be reviewed in its entirety by the elected members of the ASUA in the Spring term of 2025.