

ASUA Constitutional Amendment Referendum

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA Constitution

Preamble

We the students of The University of Arizona, in the belief that students have the right and the obligation to play a significant role in guiding their university, do hereby establish this Constitution to insure the following: the articulation of student opinions and interests both in the governance of the university and to the community at large; the encouragement of the greatest level of cooperation and communication between students and student organizations; the assurance that students have full access to quality higher education at The University of Arizona; the provision for programs and services of benefit to students; and the encouragement of the highest level of excellence in education at The University of Arizona.

ARTICLE I- Name and Membership

Section I: Name

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

Section II: Membership

Membership shall consist of all students registered at The University of Arizona.

Section III: Acceptance Clause

The ASUA will not discriminate and will strive to create a campus environment which understands, fosters, and embraces the value of diversity among students, faculty, and staff. Diversity encompasses differences in age, color, ethnicity, gender, national origin, disability or handicap, race, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic background or veteran status. This organization is committed to the belief that all persons are valued for their individual characteristics, talents and contributions. This policy will include, but is not limited to recruiting, membership, organization activities, or opportunity to hold office.

ARTICLE II-Legislative Branch

Section I:

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Student Congress of the Associated Students of the University of Arizona, which shall consist of an ASUA Senate and an ASUA House of Representatives.

Section II: ASUA Senate

A. Membership

The ASUA Senate shall consist of sixteen (16) elected members of the student body and one (1) ex-officio faculty/staff member appointed by the ASUA President and approved by the Senate. The composition of the Senate will include one (1) elected Senator from their respective academic college.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

College of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Architecture

College of Applied Sciences and Technology

College of Education

College of Engineering

College of Fine Arts

College of Humanities

College of Medicine - Tucson

College of Nursing

College of Science

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

The Eller College of Management

The Mel & Enid College of Public Health

In addition, there will be three (3) at large seats open to the student body.

If no one is elected from one of the colleges, the college's respective student leadership will fill any vacant positions according to the ASUA Elections Code. If the respective college's student leadership is not recognized by the Senate or there is none it will then become an interview process by the Senate and confirmed by the ASUA President as stated in the ASUA Elections Code.

B. Duties of the Senate

1. The Senate shall hold regular meetings as stipulated in the ASUA Bylaws.
2. All Senate Meetings shall comply with Arizona Revised Statutes, herein ARS, 38- 431.01, regarding open meetings.
3. Any three (3) voting members of the Senate shall be able to call a special meeting in accordance with ARS.
4. The Senate shall keep records of its proceedings which shall be available to the public. All accounts and books shall be open for public inspection at all times during regular working hours, 8 AM to 5 PM, excluding University holidays and weekends.
5. The Senate must adopt internal Bylaws and Operating Guidelines before any legislative session. The Senate may act to change, add or delete any Operating Guideline or Bylaw at any time during the legislative session. These Bylaws and Operating Guidelines shall be available to the public.
6. The Senate shall elect from its student membership a Senate President who will assume the chair in the Executive Vice-President's absence. The Senate President shall serve as the Chief Spokesperson for the Senate. The Executive Vice President will conduct the internal Senate Election to elect the Senate President.
7. The Senate shall elect from its student membership an Appropriations Board Senator. The Executive Vice President will conduct the internal Senate Election. The Appropriations Board Senator will serve as the chair of the Appropriations Board. The Appropriations Board Senator will assume the chair in the absence of both the Executive Vice-President and the Senate President.
8. The Senate may approve a recorder and a parliamentarian appointed by the Executive Vice-President with a majority of the Senate's approval. The recorder and parliamentarian should not be Senators.
9. A quorum of the Senate will be one half of the members plus one,

excluding the Executive Vice President.

10. The Senate President, with the advice of the Executive Vice President, shall appoint members of the Senate to two (2) Senate Standing Committees: Internal Affairs and Senate Projects. Committee assignments may be overturned by a majority vote of the entire Senate. Senators may not sit on more than one Standing Committee.
11. The Senate shall create any Senate Committees it deems necessary. The Senate President, with the advice of the Executive Vice President, shall appoint the members of temporary committees.

C. Compensation

1. Senate members shall receive scholarships in the method and amount designated by the Legislative Branch of the previous year.
2. Faculty Members will not receive the Senate scholarship.

Section III: ASUA House of Representatives

A. Membership

The ASUA House of Representatives shall consist of twenty-nine (29) appointed members of the student body. The composition of the House of Representatives will include representation from twenty-two (22) student communities that are represented by a University unit/ department and seven (7) other student communities not represented by a designated University unit/ department.

The following student organizations shall nominate an active member of their organization to serve as a voting member of the ASUA House of Representatives. An appointment to the House of Representatives is contingent upon confirmation by the ASUA Executive Branch officers.

Adalberto and Ana Guerrero Student Center

African American Student Affairs

Asian Pacific American Student Affairs

Disability Cultural Center

First Cats

Fostering Success

Graduate and Professional Student Council (shall not be the elected President of G.P.S.C.)

Honors Student Council

Immigrant Student Resource Center

Interfraternity Council

LGBTQ Affairs

Native American Student Affairs

Panhellenic Council

Residence Hall Association

Reserve Officers' Training Corps (R.O.T.C.)

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Transfer Student Center

United Sorority and Fraternity Council

Veteran Education and Transition Services

Wildcat Events Board

Women and Gender Resource Center

ZonaZoo

The following student communities/identities shall be represented through appointment by a committee of the ASUA President, the Executive Vice President, the Administrative Vice President, the ASUA Elections Commissioner, and the Assistant Dean of Students.

Exchange student

International student

Online student

Distance student

Student parent

In addition, one (1) student member of the Tohono O'Odham nation and

one (1) student member of the Pascua Yaqui nation shall be nominated either by their recognized student organization or by their Tribal governing body to serve on the ASUA House of Representatives. It is recognized that the University of Arizona sits on the original homelands of these indigenous peoples who have stewarded this land since time immemorial.

Memorandums of Understanding will be established with all entities represented in the House regarding expectations of their appointed representative, internal election procedures, and compensation. These agreements will be signed by a designee of the represented entity, the ASUA President, the Executive Vice President, the ASUA Elections Commissioner, and the Assistant Dean of Students.

D. Duties of the House of Representatives

1. The House of Representatives shall hold regular meetings as stipulated in the ASUA Bylaws.
2. All House Meetings shall comply with Arizona Revised Statutes, herein ARS, 38- 431.01, regarding open meetings.
3. Any six (6) voting members of the House shall be able to call a special meeting in accordance with ARS.
4. The House shall keep records of its proceedings which shall be available to the public. All accounts and books shall be open for public inspection at all times during regular working hours, 8 AM to 5 PM, excluding University holidays and weekends.
5. The House must adopt internal Bylaws and Operating Guidelines before any legislative session. The House may act to change, add or delete any Operating Guideline or Bylaw at any time during the legislative session. These Bylaws and Operating Guidelines shall be available to the public.
6. The House will be represented by a Speaker of the House that will assume the chair in the Executive Vice-President's absence. The Speaker of the House shall serve as the Chief Spokesperson for the House of

Representatives. The position of the Speaker of the House will be granted, with the right of first refusal, to the representative of the Tohono O'Odham nation or the Pascua Yaqui nation. The Speaker of the House will serve a one-year term. Following the end of the term, the Speaker position will be surrendered to the tribal representative that did not occupy it in the previous year.

7. If the Speaker of the House position is refused by the representative of either the Tohono O'Odham nation or the Pascua Yaqui nation, The House of Representatives shall elect from its student membership a Speaker of the House. The Executive Vice President will conduct the internal House of Representatives Election to elect the Senate President.
8. The House may approve a recorder and a parliamentarian appointed by the Executive Vice-President with a majority of the House's approval. The recorder and parliamentarian should not be House.
9. A quorum of the House will be one half of the members plus one, excluding the Executive Vice President.
10. The Speaker of the House, with the advice of the Executive Vice President, shall appoint members of the House to two (2) House Standing Committees: Internal Affairs and House Projects. Committee assignments may be overturned by a majority vote of the entire House. Representatives may not sit on more than one Standing Committee.
11. The House shall create any House Committees as it deems necessary. The Speaker of the House, with the advice of the Executive Vice President, shall appoint the members of temporary committees.

E. Compensation

1. Members of the House may receive scholarships in accordance with each Memorandum of Understanding.

Section IV: Powers of the Congress

A. Powers Shared by the Senate and the House

1. The Senate and the House shall propose and consider all legislation, including, but not limited to resolutions and project appropriations.
2. The Senate and the House shall be responsible for approving an balanced operating budget to be submitted by the Student Body President in accordance with the Constitution. All legislation related to the overall ASUA budget shall originate in the House of Representatives, but the Senate may propose or concur with amendments.
3. The Congress shall approve an Elections Code to govern all conduct during ASUA elections, prior to the Spring semester.
4. The Congress shall approve all official ASUA programs, services, Judicial Rules of Procedure, committees, projects or task forces prior to their functioning.
5. The Congress shall have two Joint Standing Committees: Budget Oversight, and Elections and Policy. These Congressional Standing Committees are composed of three (3) Senate members and three (3) House members. The Executive Vice-President, with the advice of the Senate President and the Speaker of the House, shall appoint members of the Senate to the two Joint Standing Committees. The Appropriations Board Senator shall serve as chair of the Budget Oversight Committee and a member of the House, appointed by the Executive Vice President, shall serve as the chair of the Elections and Policy Committee.
6. A Joint Session of the Senate and the House is required three (3) times per semester. These will be scheduled by the Executive Vice President in accordance with ARS. A quorum of a Joint Session shall be half of the members of the Senate, plus one and half of the members of the House, plus one. This excludes the Executive Vice President.
7. The Congress shall have the ability to call special Joint Sessions. Any six (6) members of Congress, three (3) voting members of the House and three (3) voting members of the Senate, shall have the ability to call a special Joint Session in accordance with ARS.

8. All powers incidental to the proper functioning of the Legislative Branch shall be vested in the Congress unless otherwise stated herein.
9. All official ASUA policy must be approved by the Executive Branch and passed by Congress.

B. Powers Specific to the Senate

1. The Senate may establish and be responsible for any official ASUA programs, services, committees, projects or task force to further the stated goals of Associated Students subject to Presidential approval, and to all rules and procedures as stated in this Constitution, its Bylaws and Operating guidelines.
2. All Appropriation Board decisions shall be subject to the approval by the ASUA Senate.
3. The Senate shall approve all ASUA internal and external appointments.

C. Powers Specific to the House of Representatives

1. The House may establish and be responsible for any official ASUA programs, services, committees, projects or task force to further the stated goals of Associated Students subject to Presidential approval, and to all rules and procedures as stated in this Constitution, its Bylaws and Operating guidelines.

Section V: Legislation

1. All legislation originating and passed in the Senate must be sent to the House for approval and all legislation originating and passed in the House must be sent to the Senate for approval. If the legislation passed in one body is not passed in another, it becomes invalid.
2. All legislation passed shall be presented to the ASUA President for Action.
3. If no action is taken on legislation within 5 (five) school days of its passing, the legislation shall be considered valid.

4. If legislation is vetoed, a veto message shall be submitted to Congress by the next scheduled Joint Session in written form to be acted upon.
5. Any House member, Senate member, and both Vice-Presidents may call for a veto override. The veto override committee will consist of the nine (9) Senators, (16) House members, the Executive Vice-President, and the Administrative Vice-President (27 total members). All of these members will have the power to vote. The Executive Vice-President will chair the meeting. The two vice-presidents must be notified in writing of the meeting. Quorum for the meeting will be twenty-one (21) people. The presidential veto can be overridden by twenty-one (21) votes from this committee. If this body overrides the veto, the legislation shall be considered valid.

Section VI: Recess Governance

1. The Recess Governance shall consist of the four (4) executive officers, three (3) Senate members elected by the Senate at the beginning of its term, and five (5) House members elected by the House at the beginning of its term. To take action, six (6) of the members of the Recess Governance must be present.
2. With regards to the ASUA Operations the recess governance shall have the authority to act during summer and winter recess.

Article III-Executive Branch

Section I: Officers

The Executive Branch shall consist of a President, Executive Vice President, Administrative Vice President, and the Treasurer.

Section II: Term of Office

The Executive Branch officers are required to perform the functions of their offices on a year-round basis with a certain flexibility allowed for determining vacation time, that time not to exceed seven (7) weeks in a term excluding all official University holidays, winter recess, and spring break.

Section III: Powers and Duties of the President

1. The Student Body President shall serve as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Associated Students.
2. The Student Body President shall be the Chief Spokesperson for the Associated Students.
3. The Student Body President will appoint Supreme Court Justices, ASUA Treasurer Elections Commissioner(s), other advocacy unit directors, and representatives to any university committees or community groups requiring student representation subject to the ASUA Constitution.
4. The Student Body President shall have the power to create any ASUA committee, program, service or project deemed necessary subject to the ASUA Constitution.
5. The Student Body President shall have the power to request reports of a general or specific nature of any branch, or Executive Officer of the Associated Students.
6. The Student Body President shall be responsible for submitting a balanced operating budget pursuant to ASUA Constitution, Article XII, Section 2. The Student Body President will be responsible for all of Associated Students funds, and shall be responsible for ensuring that these funds are spent according to legislative branch funding, the University of Arizona and Arizona Board of Regents current policies.
7. The Student Body President shall receive and be responsible for all revenue generated and appropriated for Associated Students, and shall be responsible for final determination of these funds in accordance with University and Board of Regents policies.
8. The Student Body President shall have the power to call a special meeting of the Senate or the House. The Student Body President shall also have the power to call a special Joint Session of the ASUA Congress.
9. The ASUA President shall serve as an ex-officio member of both the Senate and the House of Representatives.
10. The Student Body President will attend all regular meetings of the Arizona

Board of Regents.

11. In the absence of the President, the individual that will act on behalf of the President shall be: The Executive Vice-President and the Administrative Vice-President, respectively. In the event that all two of the above individuals are absent, the Senate President shall represent the Student Body President.
12. The Student Body President shall have the power to veto any legislation passed by the Congress within five (5) working days of Congressional approval.
13. All powers incidental to the proper functioning of the Presidency shall be vested in the Student Body President unless otherwise stated herein.

Section IV: Powers and Duties of the Executive Vice President

1. The Executive Vice President shall preside over and chair all regular and special meetings of the Senate, the House, and Joint Sessions of the Senate and the House. The Executive Vice President shall serve as the Chief Spokesperson for the ASUA Congress. The Executive Vice President shall be responsible for maintaining the legislative and business records of ASUA.
2. The Executive Vice President shall aid the President in carrying out the duties of that office and shall act in the President's behalf in his/her absence.
3. The Executive Vice President shall be responsible for coordinating committees under the jurisdiction of the Executive Vice President.
4. The Executive Vice President shall have the power to create any ASUA sub-committee subject to the ASUA Constitution.
5. The Executive Vice President shall only vote in the Senate or the House to break a tie and shall not be considered for quorum.
6. The Executive Vice President shall have the power to call a special meeting of the Senate, the House of Representatives, and a Joint Session of the Senate and the House.

7. All powers incidental to the proper functioning of the Executive Vice Presidency shall be vested in the Executive Vice President unless otherwise stated herein.
8. The Executive Vice President shall coordinate the ASUA Club Funding Process as related to the Bylaws of ASUA.
9. The Executive Vice President shall Appoint the members of the Appropriations Board and the three (3) Club Advocates with the consent of the Senate.
10. The Executive Vice President shall work with the ASUA Treasurer to ensure appropriate financial tracking of all club and organization accounts.
11. The Executive Vice President shall be responsible for coordinating the club recognition process in accordance with University policy and organizing the Club Fair at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters.
12. The Executive Vice President shall be the ASUA officer whose charge is to unify and serve students involved in clubs and organizations by advocating for needs and concerns of clubs including directing the ASUA Club Advocates.

Section V: Powers and Duties of the Administrative Vice President

1. The Administrative Vice President shall have the power to initiate new programs, and services subject to the ASUA Constitution.
2. The Administrative Vice President shall have the power to appoint the directors for all programs, services, and activities under his/her purview subject to the ASUA Constitution.
3. The Administrative Vice President shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Senate, the House of Representatives, and all Joint Sessions.
4. The Administrative Vice President shall have the power to initiate new programs and services subject to the ASUA Constitution.
5. The Administrative Vice President shall aid the President in carrying out the duties of that office.

6. All powers incidental to the proper functioning of the Administrative Vice Presidency shall be vested in the Administrative Vice President unless otherwise stated herein.

Section VI: Treasurer

1. The ASUA Treasurer shall, in conjunction with the ASUA Advisor, analyze reports and activities of the ASUA Accounting Office and make recommendations for changes and procedural improvements.
2. The ASUA Treasurer shall oversee the transfer and expenditures of budgeted ASUA funds.
3. The Treasurer shall provide monthly reports of ASUA expenditures to the Senate and the House.
4. The ASUA Treasurer shall assist the ASUA President in preparing a balanced ASUA Budget.
5. The ASUA Treasurer shall assist in the education of students and ASUA personnel on the ASUA budget and spending procedures.
6. The ASUA Treasurer shall provide an annual report of ASUA's fund balanced and expenditures by the first (1st) of September of the fiscal year following the year reported.
7. The ASUA Treasurer shall be selected through an open application process and then interviewed by a panel consisting of the ASUA President, ASUA Business Manager, and at least one member of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee.
8. The ASUA Treasurer shall report to the ASUA President directly, but can be called at any time to make reports, answer questions, or give testimony to the ASUA Legislative Branch.

ARTICLE IV-Judicial Branch

Section I: Jurisdiction

The Judicial power for the Associated Students shall be vested with one Supreme Court, and in such lower courts as the President may from time to time ordain and establish. The Chief Justice shall remain in that position for the duration of his/her law school attendance. The Supreme Court's function is to decide any Constitutional disputes of interpretations. The Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction over any lower court created by the President in issues concerning the Constitution or the Bylaws.

Section II: Membership

The Supreme Court shall be composed of five (5) University of Arizona law students. One member of the Supreme Court will be appointed Chief Justice. The Supreme Court shall have final decision on all judicial matters. All Justices shall be appointed for the duration of their law school attendance at the University of Arizona.

Section III: Appointments

The Justices shall be appointed by the Student Body President and approved pursuant to the ASUA Constitution. The Chief Justice shall also be appointed by the President pursuant to the ASUA Constitution.

Section IV: Vacancies

All Supreme Court vacancies shall be filled by appointment within two (2) months of the vacancy.

Section V: Duties of the Supreme Court

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

Section VI: Rules of Procedure

The Supreme Court shall establish and abide by Rules of Procedure which outline its Operational guidelines. The Rules of Procedure will be approved by the Congress and the President subject to Article II, Section IV- B1, C1. Rules for lower courts must be approved by the Supreme Court.

Section VII: Questions to the Supreme Court

All members of the Associated Students, as defined in the ASUA Constitution, shall have the ability to ask the ASUA Supreme Court for an opinion on any constitutional issue. The Supreme Court shall develop an appeals process outlining the procedures

that will be taken to forward a question to the Court, and shall make those procedures public.

ARTICLE V- Qualifications, Elections, Tenure, and Vacancies

Section I: Qualifications

1. All persons holding ASUA elected or appointed positions under this Constitution must meet University of Arizona extracurricular activity eligibility requirements.
2. All candidates for election to office under this Constitution must meet University of Arizona extracurricular activity eligibility requirements and must have been enrolled at the University of Arizona the semester immediately prior to seeking office (except for special elections as allowed in the ASUA Elections Code) for the minimum number of units required by the University of Arizona for participation in extracurricular activities.
3. No student shall be a candidate for more than one office concurrently.
4. No student shall serve in more than one of the following capacities concurrently:
 - a. ASUA Executive Officer, Senator, or member of the House of Representatives
 - b. ASUA Supreme Court Justice.
 - c. ASUA Elections Commissioner
 - d. ASUA Program or Service Chairman or Director

Section II: Election Procedure

1. All elections shall be coordinated and supervised by the ASUA Elections Commissioner.
2. Elections shall be governed by the ASUA Elections Code.
3. All Elections Code revisions shall be made prior to the end of the fall semester. immediately preceding the semester in which the elections shall be held pursuant to Article II, Section II and Section III.

4. The Congress and the Student Body President may call a special election, pursuant to Article II, Section V.

Section III: Term Commencements

Tenure of all ASUA offices, except as stated otherwise herein, shall be one (1) year beginning the first regular weekday of May.

Section IV: Vacancies

A vacancy in the elected positions of any office shall be filled for the remainder of the term in the following manner.

Before November first (1st):

1. Senate vacancies shall be filled pursuant to Senate Bylaws.
2. House vacancies shall be filled pursuant to House Bylaws.
3. A special election shall occur to fill vacancies in the positions of Student Body President, Executive Vice-President, and Administrative Vice-President.

After November first (1st):

4. Senate vacancies shall be filled pursuant to Senate Bylaws.
5. House vacancies shall be filled pursuant to House Bylaws.
6. The position of Student Body President shall be filled pursuant to the ASUA Constitution.
7. The positions of Executive Vice-President and Administrative Vice-President shall be filled by Student Body Presidential appointment and simple majority approval in the Senate pursuant to the ASUA Constitution.

Section V: Election dates for Executive Offices and Senate

The ASUA election dates shall occur, at the same time, no earlier than the third week in February and no later than the second week in April.

ARTICLE VI-Impeachment

Section I: Eligibility

Articles of Impeachment may be brought against any elected member of ASUA or any Supreme Court Justice.

Section II: Grounds for Impeachment

Violations of the Constitution or Bylaws, nonfeasance and/or malfeasance in office shall constitute grounds for impeachment.

Section III: Power of Impeachment

Impeachment charges may be brought forward by the Congress.

Section IV: Voting Requirement

For impeachment charges to be brought forward by the Congress, a majority of the total voting membership of the Senate and a majority of the total voting membership House shall be necessary to bring the charge of impeachment.

Section V: Due Process

Any person impeached shall be tried within two (2) weeks.

Section VI: Trials

The Supreme Court shall try all impeachments except the impeachment of a Supreme Court Justice. If a Supreme Court Justice is impeached, they shall be tried by Congress.

Section VII: Vote Requirements

A person must be convicted with the concurrence of at least four (4) of the five (5) Supreme Court Justices. A Supreme Court Justice must be convicted by at least three-fourths (3/4) of the total student voting membership of the Senate and least three-fourths (3/4) of the total student voting membership of the House.

Section VIII: Consequences

All persons impeached shall be suspended from office and the rights and privileges thereof.

Section IX: Subsequent Action

Any person enumerated of impeachment charges shall have the full rights and privileges of the office restored. Any person convicted of impeachment charges shall be removed from office.

ARTICLE VII-Recall, Initiative and Referendum

Section I : Right of Recall

The right of recall belongs to all members of Associated Students of the University of Arizona, as defined in the ASUA Constitution.

1. Upon petition of ten percent (10%) of the members of the Associated Students, the Legislative Branch shall hold a recall election. Elections called in this manner shall include only the elected official(s) named in the petition, and term(s) of the incumbent(s) of said office(s) shall terminate upon the election of successor(s).
2. Any elected officer may be replaced in office through defeat in the recall election, provided that the total ballots cast in the recall election amount to two-thirds (2/3) of the total votes cast at the election in which the officer being recalled was originally elected.
3. Any act of the Legislative Branch, except as provided in Article IX, may be modified or rejected by a majority of the votes cast at a special election, provided that the matter upon which action is taken shall have been presented to the Legislative Branch by a petition signed by ten percent (10%) of the qualified electorate. Upon receipt of the petition, the Legislative Branch shall call a special election.

Section II: Right of Legal Initiative

1. The Right of Legal Initiative belongs to all members of the ASUA.
2. Criteria and procedure for the legal initiative:
 - a. When five percent (5%) of the qualified electorate shall sign a petition requesting the enactment of legislation concerning a question of student policy, the statement of the proposed legislation shall be placed on the ballot at the next general election.

- b. When ten percent (10%) of the qualified electorate shall sign any such petition as described above, petitioners to request a special election to decide the disposition of the petition; and it shall be the duty of the Congress to grant this request.
- c. These criteria and procedures do not in any way affect or change Article I.

Section III: Referendum Procedure

1. The Legislative Branch may submit any proposed legislation, pursuant to the ASUA Constitution, to the Associated Students of the University of Arizona for vote.
2. A majority of all votes cast shall be required for passage of the proposed legislation.

ARTICLE VIII-Constitutional Amendment Procedure

Section I: Initiative and Referendum

Any article or section of this Constitution may be amended by either of the following means:

1. A passage by a majority of the votes cast at an election.

A constitutional amendment must have been approved by a majority of the voting membership of both the Senate and the House or be accompanied by a petition signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the general electorate in order to be placed on the next election ballot.

2. Passage by 2/3 of the membership of both the Senate and the House and 3500 signatures of the student body. In this case the amendment may be originated by either a member of the ASUA Congress or an Executive Officer.

Section II: Announcement of Constitutional Change

In either method of passage, an announcement of the pending changes shall be displayed in the Arizona Daily Wildcat at least three (3) times during a two (2) week period ending five (5) days before the designated election or vote pursuant to the

ASUA Constitution to further clarify that the proposed amendments are available from the Associated Students office.

Section III: Special Elections for an Amendment

A proposed amendment shall be voted on at a special election if so recommended by a majority of the voting membership of both the Senate and the House.

ARTICLE IX- Guaranteed Funding

Section I: Guaranteed Funding

1. The total budget allocated to the Congress shall be equal to 2.5% of the allocation of the funding received from the Bookstore to ASUA, not to exceed \$25,000.00.
2. Senate and House Scholarships shall come from the ASUA general budget.

ARTICLE X- ASUA Budget

Section I: Budget Origination

1. The Student Body President shall propose a balanced ASUA budget to Congress, in consultation with the Executive Vice-President, the Administrative Vice-President, the ASUA Treasurer, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, the Joint Budget Oversight Committee Members, the ASUA Business Manager, and the Assistant Dean of Students.
2. The ASUA operating budget must be balanced. For this purpose, ASUA revenue is defined as revenues from student fees, the bookstore allocation, excess rollover from previous years, and programs and services. ASUA expenditures are defined as all ASUA budgets. ASUA expenditures cannot exceed ASUA revenues as defined above. This clause includes loans that ASUA may take out to run Spring Fling or other activities.

Section II: Budget Submission Deadline

The ASUA President must prepare a year term budget by 1 July. Such a budget will provide for ASUA Operations, inclusive of summer, through June 30. It will be considered by a summer Joint Session meeting held on or before July 1.

Section III: Vote Requirements

The budget may be passed by a simple majority vote in the Senate and the House, pursuant to the ASUA Constitution.

Section IV: Failure of Passage

Should the budget fail to pass the Student Body President shall submit a revised budget pursuant to the ASUA Constitution within two weeks.

ARTICLE XI- Appointments

Section I: Approval of Appointments

Appointments for major internal and external bodies (as defined in the ASUA bylaws) shall be approved by a simple majority vote from the Senate, except as allowed for by the voting process described in the ASUA Constitution.

Section II: Selection Committee

The selection process for each major internal or external appointment shall be conducted and chaired by the Student Body President, Executive Vice-President, or the Administrative Vice President as appropriate and defined in each officer's job description. A selection committee, chaired by the appropriate officer as described above, shall consist of a Senator appointed by the Senate, and the immediate past appointee when deemed appropriate by the selection committee chair. The selection committee chair may appoint additional members to the committee as he/she/they deem appropriate. The Executive Officer has final approval from the selection committee's recommendation.

Section III: Final Appointments to Major Internal and External Positions

The chair of the selection committee shall make final appointments in consultation with the selection committee. The name of each appointment is forwarded for approval to the Senate as described in Section I of this article.

Section IV: Acting Appointments

All appointees to vacated or term-expired positions may function in their appointed capacity until such time as they are denied appointment by the legislative approval processes described in this article.

Section V: Transition Funding for the Student Body President, Executive Vice-President and Administrative Vice-President.

1. Adequate and sufficient funding prescribed by the ASUA Bylaws shall be provided to the incoming Student Body President, Executive Vice-President, and the Administrative Vice President to help facilitate the selection and appointment process during the transition between election and inauguration.
2. The amount prescribed in the ASUA Bylaws shall be set by the end of the fall semester previous to the transition of the incoming officers.

ARTICLE XII- Rules and Procedures

1. The Associated Students shall conduct its business according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order unless otherwise specified in this Constitution.
2. A Constitutional change, approved pursuant to the ASUA Constitution, must not take effect until the next General Election following the Special Election or General Election where the referendum was voted on by the electorate.
3. This Constitution will be reviewed in its entirety by the elected members of ASUA in the Spring term of 2025.
4. This Constitution will become effective on May 1, 2021. The 2021-2022 ASUA elected and appointed officers will be under the jurisdiction of this Constitution.