

The Associated Students of the University of Washington Bothell

CONSTITUTION

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PREAMBLE

We, the students of the University of Washington Bothell, hereby ordain this constitution to advocate and to protect the interests of students, as an autonomous constituency of the whole University and as citizens of democracy, through independent actions and in cooperation with our community.

Article I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be "The Associated Students of the University of Washington, Bothell" (ASUWB).

Article II – ARTICLES AND REGULATIONS TAKING PRECEDENCE

Since the government of the University of Washington is vested in a Board of Regents, and the University of Washington, Bothell is a campus of said University, the Board of Regents has delegated to the President of the University, who has delegated to the Chancellor of the University of Washington, Bothell, authority to formulate rules incident to the management of student affairs. All action taken by the ASUWB shall be consistent with the applicable University of Washington, Bothell rules and policies.

Article III – MEMBERSHIP

All regularly enrolled students of the University of Washington, Bothell, who so voluntarily choose, will be considered members of the association. Only members of the ASUWB shall be entitled to vote in any ASUWB election, to represent the ASUWB, or to hold any office controlled by the ASUWB.

Article IV- GOVERNANCE

The governance of the ASUWB shall be vested in the Executive Council, which shall maintain a student administration and the staff necessary for the management of all ASUWB affairs.

Article V- THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1: Membership

A. The Executive Council of the ASUWB shall consist of the ASUWB President, the ASUWB Vice President, and three Executive Representatives.

B. Each of the five officers listed shall have one vote in all issues before the Executive Council. Any other persons working or associated with the Executive Council as ex-officio members or in any other capacity shall not be eligible to vote in the Executive Council.

C. The administration of UWB shall appoint an advisor to the ASUWB, whose duties are to assist students with regard to administrative procedures and policies.

D. The members of the ASUWB shall exercise self-governance through the Executive Council.

Section 2: Functions and Powers of the Executive Council

The Executive Council shall have control over all affairs, legislation, activities, services, and property of the ASUWB as defined in the ASUWB Bylaws.

Section 3: Eligibility

Rules for eligibility for candidacy for election to and holding of an Executive Council position shall be established by ASUWB Bylaws and University policies.

Section 4: Term of Office

All positions in the Executive Council are elected to serve for one year, from the first day of July following the election until the final day of the following June.

Section 5: Elections

A. All Executive Council members shall be elected by the ASUWB.

B. Each ASUWB member may cast one vote for one candidate for each position in each Executive Council election.

C. Election procedures shall be conducted as established in ASUWB Bylaws and University Rules or policies. All ballots shall be anonymous, and all election procedures must be fair and unbiased.

D. The elections for all Executive Council positions shall take place during spring quarter, and shall take place for at least two consecutive school days. In the event that an additional election is required to fill Executive Council positions, it must be held no later than the ninth week of spring quarter.

Section 6: Vacancies

A. If the ASUWB Presidency becomes vacant, the Vice President shall succeed to the office of President if confirmed by a simple majority of the voting members of the Executive Council. In the event that the Vice President is unavailable or ineligible to serve as President, then the Executive Representatives shall organize and hold a special election for the Presidency no more than twenty school days after the Presidency has been vacated.

B. If any Executive Council office, other than the presidency becomes vacant, the Executive Council shall call for and consider applications, and shall appoint, with the approval by a simple majority of Executive Council officers, an interim successor to serve until the next regularly scheduled election.

Section 7: Recall of Executive Council officers

A. A petition for the recall of any Executive Council officer shall require the signatures and permanent student file numbers of at least ten percent of all ASUWB members. That all signatures and accompanying student file numbers are valid must be certified by the Registrar of the University of Washington, Bothell.

B. Upon receipt of a duly certified petition for recall, the Executive Council must hold a special election for recall. No issue other than recall shall be presented at the election.

C. For a recall to be considered valid, at least three-fourths of the votes cast in the original election must be cast in the recall election. A recall is considered binding by a simple majority of the required number of votes cast in favor of the recall.

Section 8: Impeachment of Executive Council officers

A. Any Executive Council officer may be removed from office on grounds as outlined in the ASUWB Bylaws.

B. The Executive Council must vote twice in two consecutive meetings to remove an officer, achieving at least two-thirds approval in both sessions.

Section 9: Meetings of the Executive Council

The Executive Council must meet regularly throughout the academic year and conduct business as established in the ASUWB Bylaws.

Section 10: Functions and Powers of the Executive Council

The Executive Council shall have control over all affairs, legislation, activities, services, and property of the ASUWB as defined in the ASUWB Bylaws.

Article VI-ASSOCIATION PROPERTY

The ASUWB may only acquire, own, hold, manage, control, mortgage, pledge, rent, lease, use, sell, dispose of, or otherwise deal in and occupy property of any kind and nature wherever situated or located, for the purposes and in the manner provided in this Constitution and under the policies and rules of the University of Washington. Should the ASUWB incorporate, their Articles of Incorporation will further define association property rights.

Article VII –LEGISLATIVE POWERS

The legislative powers of the ASUWB shall be vested in the Executive Council, subject only to the right of the ASUWB to propose, enact, and reject legislation not inconsistent with the provisions of the constitution.

Article VIII- BYLAWS

Section 1: Proposal

Bylaws may be proposed by any member of the Executive Council or by initiative as established in the ASUWB constitution.

Section 2: Approval

Bylaws are enacted by the approval of a simple majority of the Executive Council. All Bylaws take effect immediately upon approval, unless otherwise specified by the legislation. All Bylaws are binding until repealed.

Section 3: Precedence

The ASUWB constitution takes precedent over any or all Bylaws or other regulation of the ASUWB.

Article IX- INITIATIVE AND REFEREDUM

Section 1: Petition for Initiative

The Executive Council shall provide for an initiative vote whenever a petition for a legislative act is presented, which has been duly certified by the Registrar of the University of Washington, Bothell to contain the signatures and permanent student file numbers of at least five percent of current ASUWB members.

Section 2: Referendum

The Executive Council shall provide for a referendum vote whenever a two-thirds vote of the Executive Council approves the presentation of a referendum to the ASUWB.

Section 3: Initiative or Referendum Vote

A. The initiative or referendum shall be submitted to the members of the ASUWB at the next election or at a special election called by the Executive Council.

B. In no case shall less than one calendar month elapse between the proposal of such petition or referendum and the election.

C. The initiative or referendum measure shall be adopted if a majority of the members of the ASUWB are in favor of it; thereupon the measure shall become effective immediately.

D. Any approved initiative or referendum shall be binding upon the ASUWB until formally repealed by an initiative or referendum, or by a finding of unconstitutionality by a Judiciary Committee.

Article X- CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Section 1: Proposal of Amendments

A. A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be placed on the ballot if adopted by a majority of the voting membership of the Executive Council; or

B. A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be placed on the ballot upon receipt by the Executive Council of a petition requesting such action, duly certified by the Registrar to contain the signatures and permanent student file numbers of at least ten percent of the current members of ASUWB.

Section 2: Adoption of Amendments

Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted to the members of ASUWB at the next regular election, or at a special election called earlier by the Executive Council. In no case shall less one calendar month elapse between the proposal of such amendment and the election. The amendment shall be adopted provided twenty percent of the current members of ASUWB have cast ballots and two-thirds of those voting approve the amendment; thereupon the amendment shall become effective immediately unless otherwise specified by the proposal for amendment.

Article XI- INTERPRETATION

Section 1: Special Committee for Constitutional Interpretation

A. All questions of interpretation of this constitution shall be decided by an ad hoc committee for constitutional interpretation which shall be convened in the event that a question of the constitutionality of any measure of the ASUWB arises. The committee may be advised by a

member of the faculty or a practicing attorney. Any advisor shall be designated by a majority of the members of the ad hoc committee.

B. Membership of the Special Committee for Constitutional Interpretation
The President shall appoint, no later than twenty school days after the beginning of autumn quarter, three people to serve on any special committee for constitutional interpretation if it is convened. At least two of the three people must be members of the Executive Council, and the President may not serve her/himself. Any appointment of the President may be overturned by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Council.

C. Decisions of the Special Committee for Constitutional Interpretation
All decisions of a special committee for constitutional interpretation shall be made by a majority vote of the members of the committee, tendered in writing along with any dissenting opinion to the Executive Council, and made publicly available. Any decision of an ad hoc committee for constitutional interpretation shall be binding upon the ASUWB unless overturned by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Council.

Article XII- RATIFICATION

The ratification of the Preamble and Articles of the ASUWB shall be sufficient for establishment of this Constitution.