

UNIVERSITY APPROVAL OF THE CONSTITUTION

In order to further encourage and facilitate student responsibility for student affairs and activities on the campus of the University through the Associated Students of the University of Washington, Tacoma, the Chancellor of the University of Washington, Tacoma, acting for the Board of Regents, approves, subject to the rules and regulations of the University, this constitution as the Bylaws of the Associated Students of the University of Washington, Tacoma.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, TACOMA

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the associated students of the University of Washington, Tacoma, in order to provide student representation, advocacy, and involvement, and within that framework, to promote multicultural awareness and involvement; to initiate and coordinate student activities; to promote student interests; to provide the opportunity to develop individual leadership qualities and an understanding of group action to supplement and complement formal education at the University of Washington, Tacoma campus; to represent student interests, needs, and welfare within the University community; to provide for the expression of student opinion and interests to the community at large, and to assist the University in providing a physical and social environment in which to achieve the above objectives in accordance with the educational and multicultural standards of the University, do affirm and establish this Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Washington, Tacoma.

ARTICLE I

NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

The name of the Association under this constitution shall be "The Associated Students of the University of Washington, Tacoma" (ASUWT).

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, Tacoma 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, Tacoma, authority to formulate rules incident to the management of student affairs. All action taken by the ASUWT shall be consistent with the University of Washington, Tacoma rules.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

All regularly enrolled students of the University of Washington, Tacoma who have paid supporting fees established by the Board of Regents, may choose to be members of the association. Only members of the ASUWT shall be entitled to vote in any Association election, to represent the Association, or to hold any office controlled by the Association. A regularly enrolled student shall be defined as any student registered and in good standing.

ARTICLE IV

MANAGEMENT

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND SENATE

A. The management of the ASUWT shall be vested in an Executive Branch (EB) and a Senate, which shall employ necessary staff and shall maintain student administration as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2: UNIVERSITY AUTHORITY

A. The members of the ASUWT recognize that the ASUWT is an integral part of the University of Washington, Tacoma, that the ASUWT exercises power delegated to it by the University, and that the President of the University, or as delegated to the Chancellor, acting for the Board of Regents, therefore has the right of final approval or disapproval of, all actions of the ASUWT and its governing body and agents or agencies.

ARTICLE V

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH (EB) AND SENATE

SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP

A. The Executive Branch and Senators of the Association shall be reflected in the Bylaws. The EB shall exercise the executive functions of the Association. The Senate shall exercise the legislative and judicial functions of the Association.

B. The Vice President shall preside over the Senate. A Vice-Chair and Pro-Tem shall be elected from and by the Senate membership.

C. Ex-officio members, without voting privileges, shall consist of the following:

- Executive Branch Officers
- Director of Student Affairs or appointed representative
- ASUWT Faculty Advisor
- A Representative of Student Organizations

SECTION 2: ELIGIBILITY

A. Rules of eligibility for candidacy for election to and holding of an officer position shall be established by the Bylaws and shall be consistent with the University rules. Any officer determined to be ineligible under the rules of the University shall cease to hold such office without further action. The vacancy shall be filled as provided.

SECTION 3: ELECTION

A. The EB and Senate shall be elected the fourth week of Spring Quarter and shall take office the day following graduation in June.

B. In the event of an irregularity in elections, which results in the nullification of one or more of the electoral races by the EB or Senate, a rerunning of said position(s) shall be made not later than the sixth week of Spring Quarter.

SECTION 4: VACANCIES

A. If the ASUWT Presidency becomes vacant, the ASUWT Vice President shall automatically succeed the office of the President.

B. In the event of a vacancy on the EB, other than the presidency, the EB shall call for and consider applications, and shall appoint, with the approval of the Senate, a successor to serve the remainder of the term.

C. In the event of a vacancy in a Senate position, the Senate shall call for and consider applications in accordance with the open selection process as defined in the Bylaws.

SECTION 5: RECALL OF THE OFFICERS

A. Petition

A petition for recall of any officer shall require the signatures and permanent student file numbers of at least 10 percent of current members of the association or two-thirds vote of the Senate. The officer under review shall not cast a vote.

B. Special Election

Upon receipt by the Senate of a petition for recall, duly certified by the registrar to contain the names and permanent student file numbers of 10 percent of the ASUWT, it shall be the duty of the Senate to hold a special election for recall. No other issue than the recall shall be presented to the voters at said election.

C. Recall Vote

For a recall vote to be considered valid, at least three-fourths of the votes cast in the original election must be cast in the recall election. Recall is considered successful with the majority of the required votes cast. The vacancy created shall be filled immediately as provided in the Bylaws.

SECTION 6: IMPEACHMENT OF OFFICERS

A. Any officer of the ASUWT EB or Senate may bring forth impeachment hearings.

B. Once the impeachment has been brought forth, the Senate shall review the case at the next Senate meeting and determine if any of the following grounds for impeachment have been met:

1. Failure to fulfill duties as outlined in Bylaws
2. Failure to follow University or ASUWT policy
3. Committing actions that are detrimental to the interests of the student body

C. If the Senate finds grounds for impeachment, they shall vote on the removal of the officer during the next Senate meeting.

D. Removal of the officer requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. The officer under review shall not cast a vote during the proceedings. The vote shall take effect immediately following the Senate meeting.

SECTION 7: FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND SENATE

A. The EB and Senate in cooperation shall have general supervision and control over all ASUWT activities as defined in the Bylaws.

SECTION 8: MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND SENATE

A. The executive branch shall hold a minimum of one student forum each quarter, excluding summer quarter.

B. Regular or Special meetings of the Senate shall be held at least five times each quarter, excluding summer quarter.

C. Special meetings of the Senate may be called by the chair upon at least 48 hours notice to Senators and as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

D. A quorum shall be two-thirds of the voting members of the Senate as of the current date. There shall be no voting by proxy.

ARTICLE VI

BYLAWS

SECTION 1: ENACTMENT OF BYLAWS

A. In order to amend the Bylaws, Senate approval must occur by a two-thirds majority vote in two senate meetings; the first meeting at which the amendment is introduced and the second meeting at which the amendment is voted upon.

ARTICLE VII

ASSOCIATION PROPERTY

The ASUWT may 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 this Constitution, and should the ASUWT Incorporate, by the Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE VIII

LEGISLATIVE POWERS

SECTION 1: LEGISLATIVE POWERS

A. The legislative powers of the Association shall be vested in the Senate, subject only to the right of the Association to propose, enact and reject legislation, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution.

SECTION 2: INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

A. Petition for Initiative

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

B. Referendum

The Senate shall provide a referendum vote whenever a two-thirds vote of the Senate approves the presentation of a referendum measure to the Association.

C. Initiative or Referendum Vote

Such initiative or referendum shall be submitted to the members of the Association at the next election or at a special election called by the Senate. In no case shall fewer than twenty school days elapse between the proposal of such petition or referendum and the election. The initiative or referendum measure shall be adopted if a majority of the Association votes in favor of it; thereupon the measure shall become effective immediately.

D. Laws Binding Until Repealed

Any initiative or referendum shall be binding upon the Association, its officers, and the Senate until repealed. Such laws may be repealed or rescinded by a subsequent initiative or referendum election.

ARTICLE IX

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 Senate.

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

SECTION 2: ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS

A. Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted to the members of the Association at the next regular election, or at special election called earlier by the Senate. In no case shall less than 20 school days elapse between the proposal of such amendment and the election. The amendment shall be adopted provided 15 percent of the Association has cast ballots and two-thirds of those voting approve the amendment; thereupon the amendment shall become effective immediately.

ARTICLE X
RATIFICATION

The ratification of the Preamble, Articles and Bylaws of the ASUWT shall be sufficient for the establishment of the Constitution. We the students of the University of Washington, Tacoma have ratified the Constitution and Bylaws by a general vote in which a minimum of 15 percent of the Association cast ballots and two-thirds of those voting affirmed ratification.

Witnessed by,

Sarah Myers
President, Associated Students,
University of Washington, Tacoma

Date of Ratification

Patricia Spakes
Chancellor,
University of Washington, Tacoma

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