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Student Government**

# Constitution

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### **CONSTITUTION of the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS of CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

## **PREAMBLE**

We, the Associated Students of Central Washington University, in order to promote and support the interests, needs, and values of the students of Central Washington University, do affirm and establish this Constitution of the Associated Students of Central Washington University.

### **1:0 NAME**

The name of the association shall be the “Associated Students of Central Washington University,” hereafter referred to as “ASCWU.”

### **2:0 MEMBERSHIP**

#### **2.1 Eligibility**

All students who are registered for one (1) credit hour or more at Central Washington University shall hold membership in this organization until withdrawn from the University.

#### **2.2 Non-discrimination**

The ASCWU will not discriminate in its membership on the basis of race, age, sexual orientation, gender, religion, national origin, disability, academic standing, marital status socioeconomic status, or veteran status.

### **3:0 MANAGEMENT**

The Student Government shall be the central organization of ASCWU. Powers of the ASCWU shall be vested in the Student Government with the Director of Campus Life serving as the primary advisor and carrying out the administration of the ASCWU activities with the approval of the ASCWU Student Government, as set forth in the ASCWU Bylaws and Policy Manual. All ASCWU clubs, committees, organizations, agencies, boards, and task forces, as recognized



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according to the current Washington Administrative Code, shall fall under the governance of the ASCWU Student Government.

### **4:0 STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

The Student Government of the ASCWU will be elected annually and shall serve in time or way as provided in the ASCWU Bylaws and Policy Manual. The ASCWU Student Government shall include the President and all Vice Presidents, as set forth in ARTICLE IV, Section I, selected by member vote, as provided in the ASCWU Bylaws and Policy Manual.

#### **4.1 Officers**

The officers of the ASCWU shall be:

- President
- Executive Vice President
- Vice President for Clubs and Organizations
- Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Vice President for Equity and Community Affairs
- Vice President for Student Life and Facilities
- Vice President for Legislative Affairs

#### **4.2 Term of Office**

Officers-elect shall take office at 9am the following business day after the last day of finals week, spring quarter of the academic calendar in which they are elected. No individual will be able to serve as an officer for more than two years regardless of position in which they served.

#### **4.3 Meetings**

Meetings of the Board shall be called by the President or by any two officers as set forth in ARTICLE IV, Section I, whenever deemed necessary. No meeting may start until twenty-four (24) hours has elapsed from the point of time when all requirements of the Washington Public Meetings Act have been satisfied.

#### **4.4 Quorum**

A majority of the currently seated Student Government shall constitute a quorum.



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### **4.5 Presiding Officers**

The Chairperson of the Student Government shall be the President of the ASCWU. The Vice Chairperson shall be the Executive Vice President of the ASCWU. If circumstances arise where neither can fulfill the role of chair, the line of succession shall be:

- Vice President for Clubs and Organizations
- Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Vice President for Equity and Community Affairs
- Vice President for Student Life and Facilities
- Vice President for Legislative Affairs

## **5:0 SUBSIDIARY JUDICIAL BODIES**

Subsidiary Judicial Bodies shall be established according to the ASCWU Bylaws and Policy Manual.

## **6:0 INITIATIVES**

Any member of the ASCWU may petition for initiative measures. Such a petition, signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of the members of the ASCWU, shall be presented to the ASCWU Elections Coordinator who, in arrangement with the ASCWU Election Commission, shall schedule a special election. If an Elections Coordinator has not been appointed, the said petition shall be presented to the ASCWU President. If said petition is presented to the ASCWU Student Government after the last day of instruction, winter quarter of the academic calendar, the initiative may be voted on during the next ASCWU general election. An affirmative majority of those voting is required for enactment.

## **7:0 REFERENDUMS**

Any officer of the ASCWU Student Government may propose a referendum. A proposed referendum requires a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Student Government. A referendum shall be presented to the ASCWU Elections Coordinator who, in arrangement with the ASCWU Election Commission, shall schedule a special election. If said referendum is proposed and affirmed after the last day of instruction, winter quarter of the academic calendar, the initiative may be voted on during the next ASCWU general election. An affirmative majority of those voting is required for enactment.



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# **8:0 BYLAWS AND POLICY MANUAL**

## **8.1 Bylaws**

Bylaws shall be established to include the rules and duties of the ASCWU Student Government, employees, task forces, boards, organizations, agencies, clubs, and committees.

## **8.2 Policy Manual**

A manual shall be established listing all motion and policy decisions made by the ASCWU Student Government subsidiary bodies to do so. This manual shall be made available to the public upon request.

# **9:0 AMENDMENTS**

## **9.1 Constitutional Amendments**

Proposals to amend the Constitution require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Student Government, affirmative majority of those voting in an ASCWU special or general election, and approval of the Board of Trustees. Constitutional Amendments shall take effect immediate upon ratification by the Student Government, Students, and Board of Trustees.

## **9.2 Bylaw Amendments**

**9.2.1** Proposals to amend the ASCWU Bylaws require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Student Government.

**9.2.2** No vote that amends the ASCWU Bylaws may take place less than fourteen (14) days after a special hearing is called by the ASCWU President to discuss the proposed Bylaw changes. The ASCWU President must make a good faith effort to invite all interested parties to said hearing.

**9.2.3** Any member of the ASCWU may petition against proposed Bylaw changes. If such a petition is signed by a minimum ten percent (10%) of the ASCWU stating the



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reasons for dissent and is presented to the ASCWU Student Government within fourteen (14) days of the special hearing the Student Government shall not vote on the proposed Bylaw changes. In such a situation, the ASCWU President may, in arrangement with the Election Commission, schedule an election to vote on the proposed Bylaw changes. An affirmative majority of those voting is required for enactment of the proposed Bylaw changes.

**9.2.4** Amendments to the ASCWU Bylaws shall take effect immediately after enactment.

### **10:0 ENACTMENT**

This Constitution shall have full effect following a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the ASCWU Student Government, an affirmative majority of those voting in a campus-wide election of ASCWU, and approval of the Board of Trustees of Central Washington University. This Constitution shall supersede and replace all previous ASCWU Constitutions and Bylaws.