

# **ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF BELLEVUE COLLEGE CONSTITUTION**

## **COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT VIII Bellevue College Bellevue, Washington 98007**

### **PREAMBLE**

We, the Associated Students of Bellevue College do ordain and establish the Constitution stated below to insure that we as students of Bellevue College are suitably represented and exercise our rights to participate in decisions concerning our education at Bellevue College; to represent the students' needs and desires under this Constitution and within its jurisdiction.

### **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

The name of the Association under this Constitution shall be Associated Students of Bellevue College.

### **ARTICLE 2: AUTHORITY AND POWERS**

Under Washington State law, the Board of Trustees of Bellevue College District VIII is charged with the ultimate authority and responsibility for all programs and services at Bellevue College. The programs and services that are offered by the Associated Students of Bellevue College have been delegated by the District VIII Board of Trustees to the student body government to administer under the direction of the

college administration. In acceptance of this authority and responsibility, the Associated Student Board of Directors recognize its responsibility to administer its programs and funds in compliance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the College and the laws of the State of Washington.

### **ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP**

All students of Bellevue College, upon paying tuition fees, shall be members of this organization and subject to the Student Code of Bellevue College.

### **ARTICLE 4: EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

#### **Section 1: Membership**

The Executive Directors of the Associated Students of Bellevue College shall consist of the President, Vice President for Student Affairs and Pluralism, and Vice President for Finance and Communication.

#### **Section 2: Authority**

The Executive Directors shall have the authority and be responsible for implementing all matters of legislation enacted by the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE 5: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Section 1: Membership**

The membership of the Associated Students of Bellevue College Board of Directors shall be elected by a simple majority of the Associated Students of Bellevue College and shall consist of the Executive Directors, four Representatives.

### **Section 2: Authority**

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in the Board of Directors of the Associated Students of Bellevue College. Such powers include the direction and regulation of all activities and policies of the Associated Students of Bellevue College and the enactment of measures for the general welfare of the Associated Students of Bellevue College. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for ensuring student membership on Bellevue College policy recommending councils and for determining the student membership on Activity Boards which allocate student funds for programs on campus.

## **ARTICLE 6: JUDICIAL BOARD**

### **Section 1: Membership**

The Judicial Board of the Associated Students of Bellevue College shall consist of the Chief Justice who will be elected by a simple majority of the Associated Students of Bellevue College; And two Associate

Justices. The Chief Justice will serve as Chairman of the Judicial Board.

### **Section 2: Authority**

The Judicial Board has the authority to veto/suspend any act passed or procedure by the Board of Directors that appears to be in conflict with the ASBC By-laws, constitution or policies and procedures that govern student rights. The Judicial Board must return their veto with noted objections by the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors who shall proceed to reconsider it. If after such consideration, two-thirds of the Board of Directors agrees to pass the legislation, it shall be enacted.

The Judicial Board shall have the authority to and be responsible for the charter of ASBC clubs, organizations or associations.

## **ARTICLE 7: FINANCES**

### **Section 1: S & A Fee Committee**

The student members of the Services and Activities Fee Budget Committee shall be composed of the ASBC Vice President for Finance and Communication, the ASBC President and two (2) students-at-large.

### **Section 2: Raising Fees**

Associated Students of Bellevue College Board of Directors cannot levy or raise any student fees other than the Service and Activity Fee without a majority vote by the student body in a general or special election.

### **Section 3: S & A Fund Allocation**

Any program that has been previously funded as part of the Services and Activities Fee Budget is required to submit a request for contingency funds to the Services and Activities Fee Budget Committee before any funds can be allocated.

### **Section 4: S & A Fee Budget Committee Recommendations**

The Services and Activities Fee Budget Committee recommendations shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors. Upon concurrence by the Board of Directors with the Services and Activities Fee Budget Committee recommendations, these recommendations shall be submitted to the College President.

### **ARTICLE 8: ELECTIONS**

Elections shall be held in accordance with conditions set forth in the Associated Students of Bellevue College By-Laws.

### **ARTICLE 9: VACANCIES**

#### **Section 1: Officer Vacancy**

Should a vacancy occur on the ASBC Board of Directors, the Election Committee shall select and present a potential candidate to the remaining Board of Directors for confirmation of their appointment.

#### **Section 2: Presidential Vacancy**

If a Presidential vacancy occurs, the Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint one of the remaining Executive

Directors, in order of succession as stated in the ASBC By-Laws, as President.

### **ARTICLE 10: REMOVAL**

Removal proceedings may be initiated against a member of the ASBC Board of Directors in accordance with conditions set forth in the ASBC By-Laws.

### **ARTICLE 11: BY-LAWS**

The By-Laws of the Associated Students of Bellevue College shall be the lawful means by which the provisions of the Constitution shall be implemented.

### **ARTICLE 12: AMENDMENT**

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the Justice Board and initiated by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors and ratified by a majority vote of the students voting in a regular or special election.

### **ARTICLE 13: IMPLEMENTATION**

This Constitution shall be implemented upon its adoption by a majority vote of the students voting in a regular or special election and upon approval of the Bellevue College District VIII Board of Trustees.