

**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 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 be elected by a simple majority of the Associated Students of Bellevue College and shall consist of the President and the Vice President.

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 consist of the Executive Directors, and at least four (4) Representatives/Members to be appointed by a hiring committee as set forth by the ASBC Bylaws.

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.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to and be responsible for the charter of ASBC clubs and programs.

ARTICLE 6: JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Judicial Oversight of the ASBC shall be held in accordance with conditions set forth in the ASBC By-Laws.

ARTICLE 7: FINANCES

Section 1: S&A Committee

The student members of the Services and Activities Fee Budget Committee shall be composed of the ASBC Treasurer, the ASBC President, and two (2) students-at-large to be appointed in accordance with conditions set forth in the ASBC By-Laws.

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 comprehensive request for funds to the Services and Activities Fee Budget Committee for the next academic year 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 & HIRING

Elections and/or hiring 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 the Vice President as President.

ARTICLE 10: REMOVAL

Removal proceedings may be initiated against a member of the ASBC Board 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 any board member(s) and initiated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors and ratified by a simple majority of the Associated Students of Bellevue College in a regular or special election.

ARTICLE 13: IMPLEMENTATION

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