

Associated Student Government

Bellevue College

Constitution



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT VIII

Mission Statement

The Associated Student Government (ASG) is responsible for representing the interests and needs of the Associated Students of Bellevue College (ASBC). The ASG accomplishes this by (I) ensuring a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment, (II) Representing the student community by providing input and collaborating on initiatives with other administrative branches of Bellevue College (BC) and the Bellevue College Governance (BCG) concerning the well-being of the student community, (III) Initiating and coordinating student activities, and (IV) Providing recognition and funding for student-led organisations. Additionally, the ASG Board of Directors oversees the Services & Activities Fee (S&A Fee), the Student Environmental Sustainability Fee (SESF), and the Student Technology Fee (STF).

Preamble

We, the Associated Student Government of Bellevue College (ASG), do ordain and establish this constitution to ensure that the needs and desires of the students of Bellevue College (ASBC) are equitably represented by means of exercising our rights to participate in decisions concerning the academic process and student affairs at Bellevue College (BC).

Article 1: Name & Membership

All tuition-paying students of Bellevue College (ASBC) shall be represented by the Associated Student Government (ASG).

Article II: Authority & Powers

Under Washington State Law, the Board of Trustees of Bellevue College District VIII has ultimate authority and is responsible for all programs and services at Bellevue College. The programs and services offered by the BC Associated Student Government have been delegated by the Board of Trustees and are to be administered under the direction of the greater college administration with respect to the laws & procedures prescribed by the Board of Trustees, BC Governance system, and the State of Washington.

Article III: ASG Board of Directors

The ASG board of directors are responsible for overseeing all activities of the Associated Student Government, including but not limited to: the participation in legislative affairs within the administrative community, the enactment of measures for the general welfare of the students, the participation in policy-recommending councils, and the management of student funds for clubs and programs. The rights to organise and participate within Bellevue College are established under the following:

- The ASG Board of Directors have the right to participate in the BC Governance under BC Policy 2650 'Student Participation in College Governance'.
- The ASG Board of Directors shall consists of nine (9) students per the Bellevue College Charter. The ASG Board of Directors represent the students in the BC Governance.
- The ASG Board of Directors is entitled to designate an official student representative and alternate to the board of trustees under Board of Trustees Resolution 11.

Article IV: Elections, Hiring, and Terms

The ASG President & Vice President shall be appointed by election of the students as overseen by the Elections Committee under the procedures established in the ASG Bylaws Article I §1.4 and 3. Non-elected positions are appointed to the ASG Board of Directors as overseen by the hiring committee established under the ASG Bylaws Article I §1.5. All ASG Board members must meet the requirements set for in the ASG Bylaws Article I § 1.2. All ASG Board members shall serve for a term of one (1) academic year.

Article V: Committees

The ASG Board of Directors have the power to establish and participate in committees that oversee and regulate various BC affairs and funds in collaboration with other members of the BC administrative community. (See Article III "Committees" of the ASG Bylaws for a breakdown of existing committees and their operations).

Article VI: Student Fees & Finances

The ASG Board of Directors have the power to oversee and delegate funds to ASG services, clubs/programs, and other student activities that exist for the benefit of the students. The Associated Student Government **DOES NOT** have the power to 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. (See Article III "Committees" & Article IV "Clubs & Programs" of the ASG Bylaws for a breakdown of funding activities).

Article VII: Vacancies

The ASG Board of Directors have the power to fill vacancies as needed. The protocols for filling vacancies are available in the ASG Bylaws Article I § 7.

Article VII: Removal

The ASG Board of Directors have the right to remove Board Members under the conditions and procedures established in the ASG Bylaws Article I § 6.

Article VIII: Bylaws & Code of Conduct

All decisions and activities of the ASG Board of Directors must follow the procedures of the ASG Bylaws with respect to the BC Code, BCG Charter, regulations set forth by the Board of Trustees, Washington State and Federal laws.

Article IX: Amendments

The ASG Board of Directors have the power to make amendments to the Constitution. Amendments may be proposed by board member(s) and must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors and a simple majority of the BC students in a regular or special election before being ratified.

Article X: Implementation

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