

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 students of Bellevue College. 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 and the Bellevue College Governance that concern 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 voluntary student fees with campus administration.

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 are equitably represented by means of exercising our rights to participate in the decision-making process for all Bellevue College student-related affairs.

Article 1: Name & Membership

All tuition-paying students of Bellevue College are represented by ASG. ASG and ASG assets shall be overseen by the ASG Board of Directors.

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 ASG have been delegated by the Bellevue College 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 Bellevue College Board of Trustees and the State of Washington.

Article III: ASG Board of Directors

The ASG board of directors are responsible for overseeing all activities of the ASG, 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 Bellevue College Governance under Bellevue College Policy 2650 *Student Participation in College Governance*.
- The ASG Board of Directors shall consists of nine (9) students.
- The ASG Board of Directors have the power to participate or delegate the rights to participate to selected representatives to the Student Council within the Bellevue College Governance. (See ASG Bylaws Article III §1 *The Student Council*)
- The ASG Board of Directors is entitled to designate an official student representative (the ASG President) to provide regular updates 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. Non-elected positions are appointed to the ASG Board of Directors by a traditional application process overseen by the ASG Board. All ASG Board members must meet the requirements set in the ASG Bylaws. 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 Bellevue College affairs and funds in collaboration with other members of the administrative community. Refer to the ASG Bylaws for operational procedures regarding committees.

Article VI: Student Fees & Finances

The ASG Board of Directors have the power to oversee and delegate funds to ASG services, student organisations, and other student activities that exist for the benefit of the students. The source and use of these funds is stipulated by state and federal policies on the use of non-curricular funds. Refer to the ASG Bylaws for a breakdown of funding activities and procedures.

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 VIII: Removal

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

Article IX: Bylaws & Code of Conduct

All decisions and activities of the ASG Board of Directors must follow the procedures of the ASG Bylaws and ASG Constitution. Furthermore, all operations and decisions of ASG must adhere to the Bellevue College Code of Student Conduct, Bellevue College Governance Charter, regulations set forth by the Bellevue College Board of Trustees, Washington State and Federal laws.

Article X: Amendments

The ASG Board of Directors have the power to make amendments to the ASG Constitution. Amendments may be proposed by ASG board member(s) and must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASG Board of Directors. Furthermore, amendments to the ASG Constitution cannot be ratified without a simple majority vote by the Bellevue College Board of Trustees, as well as a simple majority of voting students in a regular or special election.

Article XI: Ratification

This Constitution of ASG of Bellevue College shall be ratified following a successful two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASG Board of Directors, a simple majority vote of the Bellevue College Board of Trustees, *and* a simple majority of voting students in a regular or special election.