Adams State University

Associated Students and Faculty Constitution

2020-2021

Preamble:

In order to establish an active body founded on the premises of shared governance and peer guidance, we, the students and faculty, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the Associated Students and Faculty at Adams State University of Colorado. References to all members of the Associated Students and Faculty have been made in the generic sense and are designated to apply to all persons in the AS&F Government, regardless of race, color, creed, sex, or national origin.

Article I. Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be "The Associated Students and Faculty of Adams State University of Colorado," herein referred to as AS&F.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership shall consist of all faculty, administrators, and students, along with any ASU classified staff, adjunct faculty and part-time staff; who elect to pay AS&F dues.

Section 2. Members of AS&F shall not discriminate against qualified members of the University on the basis of their race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, ability, or veteran status.

Section 3. Membership in the AS&F shall entitle a person to vote in any election conducted by ~~the~~ AS&F and to be admitted to all regularly, scheduled college events at free or reduced admission.

Section 4. The spouses, domestic partners, and legal dependents (18 and under) of the members of AS&F shall be admitted free of charge, or charged the same as AS&F members, to any regularly scheduled college event.

Section 5. The fees collected from ~~the~~ AS&F members, in conjunction with the college service fees, shall be set in accordance with the official action of the Board of Trustees of Adams State University and the AS&F Government.

Section6. Members of AS&F shall meet the qualifications prescribed by the Bylaws of AS&F. In addition, AS&F Officials shall meet all of the requirements for their position at the time of their election or appointment and throughout their term in office as defined ~~by~~/in the Bylaws.

Section 7. AS&F Government vacancies may be filled according to the Bylaws.

Section 8. AS&F shall have the power to provide compensation for its members as outlined in the Bylaws.

Article III. Structure

Section 1. AS&F shall be composed of an Executive Branch, consisting of the President, Vice President of Internal Affairs, Vice President of External Affairs, Vice President of Finance, and Secretary; a Legislative Branch, consisting of the Senate and its committees; and a Judicial Branch, consisting of the Chief Justice.

Section 2. AS&F shall have the authority to create Bylaws to carry out its duties and responsibilities under the Constitution.

Section 3. AS&F may initiate impeachment proceedings against any AS&F Official, as defined in the Bylaws.

Article IV. The Legislative Branch

Section 1- The legislative branch ~~shall consist~~/ consists of the AS&F Senate. Senators and Club Representatives shall have voting power in all matters.

~~The membership of the AS&F Legislative Branch shall consist of:~~

Senators shall be allocated to each academic department based on enrollment. A census shall be taken in the spring every three years and senators reallocated the following academic year. Senators shall be allocated as follows:

0-99 students: 1 Senator

100-199 students: 2 Senators

200-299 students: 3 Senators

300-399 students: 4 Senators

400-499 students: 5 Senators

500-599 students: 6 Senators

600-699 students: 7 Senators

700+: 8 Senators

From the 2018/2019 academic year through the end of the 2020/2021 academic year the seats shall be:

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| Art & Theatre | 1 |
| Biology & Earth Science  | 2 |
| Business  | 4 |
| Chemistry, Computer, and Mathematics  | 1 |
| English Communications  | 1 |
| HAPPS  | 1 |
| Kinesiology | 3 |
| Interdisciplinary Studies  | 1 |
| Music  | 1 |
| Nursing  | 2 |
| Psychology  | 2 |
| Sociology  | 2 |
| Teacher Education | 1 |
| Total Senators from Academic Departments: | 22 |

In addition there shall be:

Two (2) Senators at Large

Two (2) First year Senators

Three (3) Faculty or Staff Senators, who shall in no case, be the AS&F advisors.

Two (2) Non-Traditional Student Senators

One (1) Senator from the School of Graduate Studies of Art, Humanities, and Music Education

One (1) Senator for Graduate Studies of Counselor Education

One (1) Senator for Graduate Studies of Applied Sports Psychology

One (1) Senator from the Student Athletic Advisory Committee

One (1) Senator from CoRE-Activities & Transitions

One (1) Senator from CoRE-Recreation & Wellness

One (1) Senator from CoRE-Multicultural

One (1) Club Representative from each active, funded club; this does not include active AS&F Government Members.

Housing Senator?

Section 2. Qualifications for election or appointment of Senators:

Section 2a. All Senators shall have attained a cumulative scholastic grade point average of not lower than 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, through and including the semester previous to election. The Freshman Senators shall have attained cumulative high school grade point averages of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Cumulative grade point averages of 2.0 must be maintained to retain Senate seats.

Section 3. Qualifications and Requirements for Active, Funded Club Representatives

Section 3a. Any active member of a club that receives funding is eligible to be the AS&F Club Representative. All representatives shall have attained a cumulative scholastic grade point average of not lower than 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Cumulative grade point averages of 2.0 must be maintained to retain Representative seats.

Section 3b. Club Representatives shall be elected by the club members. The representative is to attend all AS&F Government meetings.

Section 4. Meetings

Section 4a. The AS&F Government shall meet twice a month. Meetings shall be held on Mondays at 6pm at a designated location. All AS&F meetings shall be open to the public and must be announced via the Academic Calendar, Adams State Portal, campus newspaper, campus radio station or Presence.

Section 4b

~~Section 5b.~~ Special meetings of the AS&F Government shall be held whenever called by the President of the AS&F Government. Also, when the President is presented a petition from a majority of the voting members of the AS&F Government, a special meeting must be called.

Section 4c. A quorum is necessary for an AS&F Government meeting to be held. A quorum of any meeting of the AS&F Government shall be declared when a majority (50%+1) of the current Legislative Branch is present.

Section 4d. The AS&F Government shall be responsible for initiating and establishing any legislation that has been deemed necessary and proper under the AS&F Constitution, Adams State University Policy, and/or local, state and federal laws.

Section 4e. All meetings of the AS&F Government shall be governed in accordance with Adams State University AS&F Government Governing Policies, except as otherwise provided in the AS&F Constitution.

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Section 5. AS&F Senators and Club Representatives may introduce new legislation by sponsoring a bill, which shall be presented at an AS&F Government meeting.

Section 5a. Unless provided for in the Constitution of the AS&F, majority vote of the members voting is sufficient for the adoption of any motion, resolution, or appointment.

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Section 6. In budgetary matters, a quorum may be declared when a two-thirds majority (2/3+1) of the voting Legislative members are present.

Section 6a. A two-thirds majority (2/3+1) vote is required to approve all budgetary matters.

Section 6b. In any voting item, a senator or Club Representative may abstain, or vote ~~yea~~/yay or nay. The end result of the vote shall be the ~~yeas/~~yays against the nays, with abstentions excluded from the total votes.

Section 7. If the bill is passed, it shall than be submitted to the AS&F President for approval.

Section 7a. If the bill is approved by the AS&F President, it shall become law. If it is vetoed by the AS&F President, it shall not become law. The AS&F President must veto immediately.

Section 7b. The AS&F Legislative Branch may override a Presidential veto with a two-thirds vote of Senate members. If a veto is overridden and passed by the AS&F Senate with a two-thirds majority, it shall become law.

Section 8. The Standing Committees of the AS&F Government shall be the Student Investigative Committee, the Public Relations Committee, the Academic Committee, the Budget Committee, and the Lobbying

~~ing~~/Coordinating Committee. The Standing Committees shall be under the direction of the AS&F Vice President of Internal Affairs and run in accordance with the Bylaws.

Article V. The Judicial Branch

Section 1. The Judicial Branch shall consist of the AS&F Court. The appointed membership of the AS&F Court shall be One (1) Chief Justice who shall be appointed by the AS&F President. The President shall consider previous AS&F experience in making this appointment. Up to three (3) Justices will be appointed by the Chief Justice, subject to AS&F Government approval.

Section 2. Qualifications for Justices: All Justices shall have attained a cumulative scholastic grade point average of not lower than 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, through and including the semester previous to their appointment. Cumulative grade point averages of 2.0 must be maintained to retain Court seats.

Section 2a. Justices shall not occupy any position on AS&F Government, and shall be nonbiased in all their decisions.

Section 3. Duties of the Court: The Court shall have jurisdiction on any disputes arising from interpretations of the AS&F Constitution and Bylaws, from resolutions enacted by the Senate, and from action taken by any branch of AS&F, subject to the specific jurisdiction set forth by the AS&F Government.

Section 3a. The AS&F Court shall have jurisdiction on any disputes between student organizations as well as disputes between students and student organizations.

Section 4. Access to the Court: any member of AS&F may bring a public complaint before the court. After hearing the complaint, the Court shall evaluate the complaint to establish whether the complaint constitutes grounds for AS&F Government action. If the Court determines that the complaint would constitute grounds for AS&F Government action, the Chief Justice shall relay copies of the complaint, Court evaluation and recommendation to the AS&F President, and the AS&F Government in that order. The AS&F Government shall resolve the matter according to its authority. The name of the individual bringing forth the complaint shall be public record.

Section 4a. If the complaint involves a call for impeachment, the Court shall follow the procedure according to the Bylaws.

Section 5. Resignations and Vacancies: Any Justice wishing to resign shall give two (2) weeks advanced written notice of such to the AS&F President and the AS&F Government.

Section 5a. In the event that a Justice is unable to fulfill the requirements of office, the ~~Vacancy~~/vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the President,

Section 6. Removal: A Justice may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the AS&F Senate. If a Justice is removed, the position shall be filled by Presidential appointment, subject to Senate Approval.

Article VI. Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by either a written petition, signed by at least fifteen (15) percent of the members of AS&F, or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the AS&F Senate.

Section 2. Proposed amendments to this Constitution will not be effective until adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the AS&F Senate. This vote shall occur after:

1. the publication of the proposed amendment(s) in any official AS&F platform (posters, AS&F blog, AS&F Facebook, etc.).
2. a forum is held at the AS&F meeting prior to the meeting that the vote shall occur.
3. an informal forum is held between the aforementioned meeting and the meeting in which the vote shall occur.

Article VII. Referendums

Section 1. Referendums may be initiated either by a written petition, signed by at least fifteen (15) percent of the members of AS&F, or by majority vote of the AS&F Senate.

Section 2. The full ballot and any background material necessary must be published via two (2) media sources for two (2) consecutive weeks prior to consideration by the legislative body.

Article VIII. Bylaws

Section 1. The AS&F Government shall have the authority to create necessary Bylaws. Bylaws must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of AS&F and not be in conflict with any section of this Constitution.

 Section 2. Bylaws shall be consecutively numbered as approved and printed.