

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Preamble

We, the Associated Students of Oregon Coast Community College, being vitally interested in managing our educational, social, and cultural welfare, do hereby set forth this constitution to ensure that students, through their Council of Representatives, shall have a voice in the affairs of the College by contributing to the social and intellectual development of the Student Body; being insured that responsible representation of the student occurs at the highest levels of the institution; therefore, since a provision must be made to establish a liaison between students, faculty, administration, and the residents of Lincoln County, we do hereby ordain and establish this constitution of the Associated Students of Oregon Coast Community College.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Associated Students of Oregon Coast Community College (hereafter ASOCCC). The elected Representatives of ASOCCC shall be known as the Associated Student Government of Oregon Coast Community College (hereafter Council).

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of Council is:

1. To serve as a communication liaison between ASOCCC students, staff, administration, faculty, and the residents of the Lincoln County area.
2. Develop and oversee the Student Council Activities.
3. Coordinate the appointment of students to Oregon Coast Community College (hereafter OCCC) committees.
4. Receive reports from and provide input to students serving on College committees.
5. Respond to student suggestions, complaints, and other needs.

6. Recognize and aid OCCC special interest clubs and organizations, provided this aid conforms to college policies; and local, state, and federal laws and contributes to the general welfare of ASOCCC.
7. Assist OCCC in a variety of service areas provided such assistance is approved by the council.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

(All students registered for courses at OCCC are entitled to be members of ASOCCC and are entitled to vote in ASOCCC elections. Students who meet the requirements set forth in the By-Laws shall be eligible for candidacy for a Council position.

ARTICLE IV COLORS AND MASCOT

The official school mascot shall be ~~Sammy the Shark~~. Blue and silver shall be the official school colors.

ARTICLE V COUNCIL STRUCTURE

Section A

The Council shall consist of five (5) members.

Section B

The membership of the Council shall be determined in accordance with Article III, Sections A and b of the By-Laws.

Section C

Council meetings will be held using Consensus. If Consensus cannot be reached, the meeting will go into Parliamentary Procedure, with each Council member having one vote.

Section D

The term of office for each member shall be one year, finishing at the end of Spring Quarter of the year of service, in accordance with Article I, Section A of the By-Laws.

Section E

No member shall serve in one elected position for more than two (2) consecutive terms of office.

Section F

All council members should currently be enrolled at OCCC in accordance with election code.

Section G

Any vacancy occurring in the Council prior to the expiration date of that position shall be filled following the procedures established in Article VII of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI COUNCIL: ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Section A

There shall be one General Election per year. The election will take place during the last week of April so that all members will be in place before the OCCSA Board of Representative Transitional Meeting. These elections shall be held in compliance with the guidelines set forth in the By-Laws, Article VI; and according to the ASOCCC Election Code.

ARTICLE VII COUNCIL: MEETING

Section A

Regular meetings of the Council shall be held at least once per month during the academic year.

Section B

Any Council member with two or more unexcused absences shall be called before the Council to provide an explanation of the absences. If the Council finds the reasons unsatisfactory, the member can be removed by unanimous vote.

Section C

Seventy-five percent (75%) of the council must be present to form a quorum.

Section D

Special meetings may be called by the Council, or by a petition presented to the council by any member of the ASOCCC in accordance with the ASOCCC Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section A

Any amendment to this Constitution must originate in the Council or by petition. If any Amendment is originated by petition, it must state the proposed amendment and contain signatures of at least five percent (5%) of the members of ASOCCC for that Quarter. Any such petition must be submitted to the Council.

Section B

All proposed Amendments Must:

1. Be presented by the Council to the student body for a vote in an election held within twenty (20) school days, but no sooner than ten (10) school days, following Council approval.
2. Be posted by the Council in two (2) conspicuous locations to provide reasonable notice to the student body. Such postings must occur at least ten (10) days prior to the election concerning the amendment.
3. Receive an affirmative majority vote of the total votes cast by the members of the ASOCCC to become an amendment to the Constitution.

ARTICLE IX INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

Section A

Prior to circulating an initiative, referendum, or recall petition to members of ASOCCC, the originator of the petition must submit to two (2) members of the Council and the ASOCCC Advisor a signed and dated copy of the petition and specify, in writing, the reason(s) for initiating the petition. The petition must then be circulated to the members of the ASOCCC for a period of not more than ten (10) school days thereafter.

Section B

If the circulated petition receives signatures of at least five percent (5%) of the current ASOCCC membership, the petition shall be forwarded to the Council which shall then call a special election within twenty (20) school days and no sooner than ten (10) school days.

ARTICLE X NON-DISCRIMINATION

The ASOCCC and its Council shall maintain a policy of non-discrimination and equal opportunity in programs and organizations without regard to sex, race, color, creed, national antecedents, sexual orientation, mental or physical restrictions, economic need or age.