

PROPOSED CHANGES TO AS CONSTITUTION
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PROPOSED CHANGES TO AS CONSTITUTION (4/27/21)**PREAMBLE**

WE, the students of Santa Monica College, in order to promote and support the intellectual, social, educational, and cultural welfare of the students of Santa Monica College (SMC) through the proper and effective exercise of the extensive powers of self-government delegated to us in the Education Code of California (Sections 76060-76067) and Title 5, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution and By-Laws as a governing rule of this organization.

ARTICLE I: STRUCTURE**SECTION 1: NAME**

The name of this organization shall be: the Associated Students of Santa Monica College, hereinafter referred to as "the A.S."

SECTION 2: MISSION AND VALUES

The A.S. represents the diversity of our community. We promote creativity, collaboration, ~~and~~ the free exchange of ideas in an open, caring community of leaders. We strive to equitably serve the student body, and elevate students' voices and concerns. We stand against all forms of bigotry and stand in solidarity with those who are most affected by mechanisms of hate. We, the A.S., will take stances in which we believe will best benefit the students of SMC, to the extent allowed by state law. We encourage and support the continual development of students' individual talents, passions, and goals. We recognize the ~~critical~~ importance of each ~~person~~ student's voice, perspective, and participation for the achievement of our common purposes. which shall be to: ~~The aims and purpose of the A.S. shall be to:~~

1. Promote educational advancement;
2. Encourage ~~greater~~ student involvement on campus and in campus organizations;
3. Provide resources and guidance to student organizations;
4. Provide students with ~~membership~~ benefits, basic needs, resources, and services;
5. Ensure and foster good communication, collaboration and exchange of ideas between students, faculty, staff, administration, and the community;
6. Promote students' rights and provide effective representation of student interests and concerns in shared governance of the College, local community, and at the State level;
7. Promote and enhance a positive cultural and educational environment on campus;
8. Promote the development of leadership, global citizenship, and community service;
9. Promote and encourage sustainable practices in the local community:-
10. Promote and elevate student voices and concerns.

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO AS CONSTITUTION (4/27/21)**SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION AUTHORITY**

1. The power of the A.S. shall be vested in four (4) bodies: A.S. Board of Directors (A.S. Board), Inter Club Council (I.C.C.), Joint Council, and Judicial Board.
2. The Parliamentary Authority of the A.S. is the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order. A quorum of each of these bodies shall be a majority (fifty percent plus one) of the voting members.
3. In addition to the California Education Code (Sections 76060-76067 & 72670-72682) as well as the Title 5, the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act and A.S. By-Laws govern the A.S. organization.
4. The College President appoints an advisor to oversee A.S. activities, in accordance with the California Education Code (Sections 76060-76067).

SECTION 4: MEMBERSHIP

(1) Any student currently enrolled in any class at Santa Monica College (SMC) who has paid the A.S. [Resource membership](#) fee for the current semester is a member of the A.S.

(2) Any group of six (6) or more A.S. members [who have paid the A.S. Resource fee](#) may form a student organization (club) on campus. All registered clubs are part of the I.C.C.

ARTICLE II: A.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY**

1. Only members of the A.S. may hold an elected or appointed office.
2. A.S. Directors, must be enrolled in at least [five \(5\)](#)~~eight (8)~~ units at SMC and must be in good academic and conduct standing with at least a 2.0 G.P.A. during both the Spring semester directly preceding the beginning of their newly appointed term, as well as in the Fall and Spring semesters of that term.
3. Students who fail to complete each semester with the minimum requirements will be automatically removed from office and become ineligible to hold any position on the A.S. Board for the remainder of that term. A "term" is defined in II.2.5
4. No person who has been removed from the A.S. Board, either by a recall or impeachment process, can serve on the A.S. Board again.
5. In order to hold office, the A.S. President and Vice President must each have completed a minimum of [eighteen \(18\)](#)~~twenty (20)~~ units at SMC, and are required to have leadership experience in the A.S. organization for at least one (1) semester prior to running for or holding office by having been either a Commissioner or an Officer of a club or [a previous Board member](#).
6. First semester students may not hold an appointed or elected Board of Directors office position.
7. A.S. Directors are expected to commit a minimum of fifteen (15) hours per week in service to the A.S.

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SECTION 2: COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

1. The A.S. Board of Directors consists of fifteen (15) student voting members.
2. Twelve of the A.S. Board members are students who have been elected in a General Election, pursuant to the A.S. Constitution and By-Laws.
3. Three (3) of the members are I.C.C. Officers, elected from and by the I.C.C. membership, pursuant to the A.S. I.C.C. Constitution.
4. Line of succession: In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall chair the A.S. Board meetings. In the absence of the Vice President, the Director of Budget Management shall Chair. In the absence of the three (3), the A.S. Board shall vote on an interim Chair through a process of nomination, with a subsequent simple majority affirmative vote.
5. A.S. Directors hold office for a term of one (1) year from July 1 to June 30.
6. No person can serve in ~~one~~the same A.S. Director position on the A.S. Board for more than one (1) term.
 - a. The only exception shall be in the case of a person who fills a vacancy of an A.S. Director position for a partial term, hereby defined as less than one (1) year. This cannot prohibit them from being elected to a full term of that particular A.S. Director position.
 - b. No person can be consecutively appointed to the same A.S. Director position, unless the second appointment occurs after the position has been up for general election.
7. No person can serve on the A.S. Board for more than two (2) years total, regardless of position.
 - a. The only exception is in the case of a person who serves a term as an I.C.C. Officer. This person may serve two (2) additional terms as an elected A.S. Board member.
8. No person shall serve in any combination of elected or appointed student government positions for more than three academic years.

SECTION 3: PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Carry out the Mission of the A.S. as stated in I.2.
2. Abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the A.S. and state law.
3. Exercise powers of legislation.
4. Oversee the A.S. budget and safeguard the A.S. funds, in accordance with the California Education Code.
5. Conduct weekly Board Meetings during the Fall and Spring semesters excluding holidays, breaks and final exam periods.

SECTION 4: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1. Members of the A.S. Board cannot simultaneously hold more than one (1) A.S. Director position on the A.S. Board of Directors.

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2. Members of the A.S. Board cannot simultaneously hold a student leadership position or student representative position in the College that entails in representing any party other than the student body.
3. In addition, club officers who are entitled to a vote on the I.C.C. cannot simultaneously hold a position in the A.S. Board.
4. No member should vote on a question in which they have a direct personal or financial interest, and said director must disclose such an interest if it exists, or be subject to impeachment.

SECTION 5: ELECTION OF A.S. DIRECTORS AND THE STUDENT TRUSTEE

1. Any student enrolled in any class at Santa Monica College is entitled to vote in any general or special election held during the semester in which they are enrolled.
2. Election of the A.S. Directors and Student Trustee must be held by secret ballot, under the general supervision of the Election Committee and in compliance with the A.S. Election Code, established in accordance with the A.S. Constitution.
3. Election of the A.S. Directors and Student Trustee ~~must~~should be held every Spring semester, prior to the Student Senate of California Community Colleges (SSCCC) Spring General Assembly, if possible.
4. The A.S. Board of Directors has the power to change the dates of the elections with a two thirds (2/3) majority vote, if circumstances make the action necessary.
5. All elections must be announced by public notice at least fourteen (14) days before the election.
6. Elections may only be conducted during the Fall and Spring Semesters when classes are in session.
7. Elections must be conducted over at least four (4) consecutive school days.
8. Candidates for the A.S. Director positions and the Student Trustee must submit the following documents to the A.S. office, with the assistance of the A.S. Advisor:
 - a. ~~An accurate and completed Election Packet~~Candidate Petition signed by fifty (50) Santa Monica College students;
 - b. A Mandatory Candidates Meeting form verified by the Office of Student Life~~Unit and Grade Point Average contract; and;~~
 - c. ~~The Compliance with Election Code contract.~~
9. In order to appear on the ballot, as well as prior to campaigning: a. The above documents must be filed by the date designated in the Election Code, which shall a minimum of ten (10) school days prior to the A.S. Election; and b. Attend a Mandatory Candidates Meeting on the date designated in the Election Code, which shall be at least seven (7) school days prior to the A.S. General Election.
10. Candidates must submit the Expense Statement by the date and time designated in the Election Code.
11. Candidates who fail to comply with the Election Code and Elections guidelines ~~will~~may and must be ~~automatically~~ subject to disqualification ~~ied~~ and/or disciplinary action.

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SECTION 6: VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

1. In the event of a vacancy of any position, the A.S. Board must open an application process to fill the vacancy.
2. The A.S. Board must abide by the following process, in order:
 - a. Confirm the vacancy at a Board Meeting;
 - b. Establish an "Appointment Committee";
 - c. Initiate an application process to fill the position; and
 - d. Publicize the vacancy to the General Public within one (1) week of the confirmation.
3. The Appointment Committee consists of no less than three (3) members of the A.S. Board and is established to review applications and interview candidates. The Appointment Committee:
 - a. Can only be comprised of A.S. Board members;
 - b. Must include the A.S. President and I.C.C. Chair~~person~~; and
 - c. Cannot exceed five (5) members.
4. Should more than three (3) A.S. Board members express interest in joining the Appointment Committee, excluding the A.S. President and the I.C.C. Chair~~person~~, a random selection process to appoint members will take place.
5. The Appointment Committee must nominate a candidate or candidates to be interviewed and appointed by the A.S. Board within three (3) weeks of the confirmation of the vacancy.
6. No position may be vacant for over 4 weeks during Spring and Fall semesters;
7. The only exception shall be in the case of a Director applicant nominated to fill a vacancy who does not receive a majority of votes by the A.S. Board of Directors after two (2) consecutive voting attempts at the board meeting. In this case, the application process must be reopened and the committee must nominate another applicant to the Board of Directors within two (2) weeks.
8. While a position is vacant, the A.S. President may appoint an eligible A.S. commissioner to perform the position's duties. The interim officer must meet the eligibility requirements stipulated in II.1.

SECTION 7: IMPEACHMENT AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

1. The term of a Director is subject to termination and impeachment following an infringement of one or more of any of the following:
 - a. Dereliction of duty, which includes three (3) unexcused absences from regular A.S. Board of Directors meetings during a semester, neglecting to fulfill their responsibilities as a Director as outlined in the By-Laws, etc.;
 - b. Misuse of funds;
 - c. Abuse of authority; or
 - d. Willful violation or disregard of the A.S. Constitution & By-Laws.

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2. Impeachment proceedings shall be initiated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the A.S. Board of Directors and must be ruled valid by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the Judicial Board.
3. A.S. Board members, including the Student Trustee, may also be removed from office through a recall initiated by the student body. This process is explained under [Article VI.3](#).
4. In addition, I.C.C. Officers may also be removed through a recall initiated by the I.C.C. membership. This process is explained under [Article III.4](#).

ARTICLE III: INTER CLUB COUNCIL**SECTION 1: CLUBS**

Clubs are officially registered student organizations composed of six (6) or more A.S. members.

1. Clubs operating on campus must comply with the Santa Monica Community College District policy, the A.S. Constitution and By-Laws, and the I.C.C. Constitution.
2. A full-time College employee must serve as advisor to a club, in accordance with Board of Trustees Policy and Administrative Regulations.
3. Clubs may create a Constitution; such a Constitution must abide to A.S. governing documents and the I.C.C. Constitution.
4. All clubs must serve their members irrespective of race, creed, religion, gender, sex, age, political affiliation, sexual orientation, disability, personal beliefs, preference, or lifestyle.
5. Clubs may only withhold membership from a student if that student consistently disrupts or disrespects the club or its members.
6. During a semester in which they hold office, club officers must be enrolled in at least ~~six (6)~~ [five \(5\)](#) units and must be in good academic standing with at least a 2.0 G.P.A.

SECTION 2: THE COUNCIL

1. The I.C.C. consists of one (1) delegate from each officially registered club.
2. Among the delegates, there are three (3) I.C.C. officers, elected to facilitate the Council's operations ~~and represent the interest of the clubs at the A.S. Board of Directors.~~

SECTION 3: [I.C.C.](#) OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

As part of the A.S. Board, I.C.C. Officers are held to the eligibility and qualification standards set forth in Article II. The responsibilities of the I.C.C. Officers are to:

1. Promote student awareness ~~of~~ and involvement in the SMC student clubs;
2. Establish coordination, communication, and cooperation among the officially registered student clubs;
3. Represent the interests of the clubs in the A.S. Board of Directors; and

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4. Uphold the I.C.C. Constitution.

SECTION 4: ELECTIONS OF I.C.C. OFFICERS, REMOVAL AND APPOINTMENTS

1. I.C.C. Officers must be elected through the I.C.C. membership in accordance with the I.C.C. Constitution and I.C.C. Elections guidelines.
2. I.C.C. Officers may be removed from their positions through the same process as A.S. Directors. This process is described in [Article II.7](#).
3. In addition, I.C.C. Officers may also be removed from office through a Removal process carried by the I.C.C. membership. This process requires a Petition signed by 2/3 of the I.C.C. membership. Petitions must be signed by either [the club Presidents](#) or I.C.C. Delegates [from only officially registered clubs](#) in order to be valid and must be properly checked by the I.C.C. Advisor.
4. In case of resignation or removal from office of an I.C.C. Officer, the I.C.C. membership must appoint another member to fill the position, in accordance with the I.C.C. Constitution and I.C.C. Elections guidelines.

ARTICLE IV: JOINT COUNCIL**SECTION 1: PURPOSE**

1. The Joint Council approves amendments to the A.S. Constitution & By-Laws; and
2. Confirms nominations to the Judicial Board.

SECTION 2: COMPOSITION

1. The Joint Council consists of the A.S. Board of Directors, the I.C.C. officers and eight (8) representatives elected by the I.C.C.
2. The A.S. Vice-President serves as Chair and the I.C.C. Chair serves as Vice Chair of the Joint Council. The line of succession shall be: I.C.C. Vice Chair and the Director of Student Advocacy.

SECTION 3: MEETINGS

1. A special meeting of the Joint Council is called by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the A.S. Board of Directors or the I.C.C.
2. The Joint Council must meet within ten (10) school days of being summoned.

ARTICLE V: JUDICIAL BOARD**SECTION 1: PURPOSE**

The Judicial Board is the judicial branch of the A.S.

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SECTION 2: JURISDICTION

1. The Judicial Board rules upon the constitutionality of the actions of the A.S. Board of Directors and the I.C.C. including dereliction of duty, misuse of funds, and abuse of authority, should the constitutionality be called into question.
2. The Judicial Board serves as a Board of Appeals to decisions made by the Elections Committee.
3. The Judicial Board rules upon an impeachment proceeding initiated by the A.S. Board of Directors.

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION

1. The Judicial Board consists of five (5) Justices.
2. The I.C.C. delegation shall appoint three (3) students, who have applied for the position of Justice, to serve on the Judicial Board. This must be done within three (3) months of the beginning of the Fall semester and appointments must be confirmed by the Joint Council.
3. One (1) administrator must be appointed by the Superintendent/President to serve on the Judicial Board, and one (1) faculty member must be appointed by the Academic Senate to serve on the Judicial Board, both as voting members.
4. Vacancies must be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment, within three (3) weeks of the position becoming vacant.

SECTION 4: TERMS OF OFFICE

1. Student Justices cannot serve for more than two (2) years.
2. Student candidates for the Judicial Board must meet the same academic requirements as the A.S. Board of Directors, as stipulated in [Article II.1](#).

SECTION 5: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Judicial Board shall meet:
 - a. At the request of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the A.S. Board of Directors or Inter-Club Council; or
 - b. By petition by the student body with signatures of no less than five percent (5%) of the number of students currently enrolled (spring or fall semesters only). The A.S. advisor or designee must validate the signatures.
2. The meeting must be held within fifteen (15) school days from the date of summoning and must be announced and posted in accordance with the Brown Act. Only issues that were specifically identified for the meeting may be considered.
3. Decisions of the Judicial Board require a four-fifths (4/5) vote.

SECTION 6: REMOVAL

1. A Justice may be impeached for: a. Dereliction of duty; or b. Abuse of authority.

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2. Impeachment proceedings shall be initiated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote by the A.S. Board of Directors or the I.C.C.
3. Grounds for impeachment must be reviewed by a special committee consisting of: the A.S. President, I.C.C. Chair, a member of the Joint Council, an appointee of the Academic Senate, and the Dean of Student Life or their designee.
4. Impeachments require a four-fifths (4/5) vote of this committee.

ARTICLE VI: STUDENTS' RIGHTS**SECTION 1: LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES**

Students have the right to propose Legislative initiatives by:

1. Submitting a petition to the A.S. Secretary, a petition signed by 5 percent (5%) of the number of students currently enrolled at SMC (spring or fall semesters only), attached with the Legislative/Action proposal. The ~~Dean~~Office of Student Life ~~or designee~~ must validate the signatures.
2. Upon determination of the validity of the signatures, the A.S. Board of Directors:
 - a. must either pass such legislation or;
 - b. submit it to a vote of the student body at the next general election.
3. If sent to the next general election then. An initiative petition must pertain to one (1) specific action and must be submitted four (4) weeks prior to the next general election.
4. Any proposed action dealing with financial matters must specify the dollar amount.
5. All initiatives voted on during a general election require an absolute majority of all votes cast in order to pass.

SECTION 2: REFERENDUM

1. An action of the A.S. Board of Directors or Joint Council shall be subject to referendum by filing a petition signed by at least by 5 percent (5%) of the number of students currently enrolled at SMC (spring or fall semesters only). The A.S. advisor or designee must validate the signatures.
2. A referendum petition must pertain to one (1) specific action.
3. Upon receiving a validated petition, the A.S. Board of Directors shall rescind its action or call a special election within fifteen (15) school days. If a special election is called, the action of the A.S. Board of Directors or Joint Council shall be repealed if an absolute majority of all votes cast vote in favor of such a repeal.
4. The Joint Council may submit proposed legislation or an advisory proposition to a vote of the student body, but must give at least fifteen (15) days notice. An absolute majority of all votes cast is sufficient to pass such legislation or advisory proposition.

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1. Any A.S. Board of Directors member or the Student Trustee are subject to recall if a petition filed with the A.S. advisor is signed by seventy-five percent (75%) of the amount of votes cast in the most recent A.S. general election.
2. A recall petition must pertain to one (1) specific Director and must contain a specific statement as to the grounds for removal. The necessary signatures must be presented within 30 days of the date of the first signature on the petition.
3. The written petition must be submitted to the A.S. advisor for the validation of the SMC Student ID numbers.
4. Upon validation of these numbers, the A.S. Board of Directors must conduct a special election within twenty (20) days. If an absolute majority of all votes cast are in favor of recall, the Director shall be removed from office, effective immediately.

ARTICLE VII: STANDING COMMITTEES**SECTION 1: CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE**

1. The Constitution Committee shall consist of members from the A.S. Board of Directors and the I.C.C. Additional students who are currently enrolled may apply to the Chair of the committee to serve on the committee.
2. The chair of the committee shall be the A.S. Vice President.
3. The Constitution Committee shall submit all Constitution and By-Laws proposals to the A.S. Board of Directors and Joint Council.

SECTION 2: ELECTION COMMITTEE

1. The Election Committee shall consist of the I.C.C. Chair, A.S. President, and members of the I.C.C. The I.C.C. advisor is the advisor of this committee.
2. None of these members can be candidates in the upcoming election. In the event that the I.C.C. Chairperson is a candidate in the election, the committee must elect another chair.
3. The Election Committee is responsible for establishing and enforcing the Election Code.
4. The Election Committee formulates the Election Code, and must forward it to the A.S. Board of Directors for approval by the fourteenth (14th) week of the Fall semester.
5. The Election Committee must uphold the approved Election Code and supervise the A.S. elections.
6. The Election Committee must publicize the election.

SECTION 3: FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. The Finance Committee members are: the Director of Budget Management, who serves as committee Chair; the A.S. President; the I.C.C. Vice Chair; the Director of Sustainability; the A.S. advisor; and an administrator responsible for the A.S. accounts, appointed by the Superintendent/President.

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2. The Finance Committee must follow the A.S. Fiscal policy and develop an A.S. operating budget for approval by the A.S. Board of Directors.
3. The Finance Committee reviews and recommends to the A.S. Board of Directors all requests for funds.
4. Clubs and organizations shall meet with this committee prior to budget allocations made by the A.S. Board of Directors.
5. The Director of Budget Management shall present Finance Committee recommendations and all funding requests to the A.S. Board of Directors.

SECTION 4: RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

1. The Recruitment Committee members are: the A.S. Vice-President, the Director of Publicity, the Director of Student Outreach, and the I.C.C. Chair.
1. The chair of the committee shall be the Director of Publicity. In the absence of the Director of Publicity, the Director of Student Outreach shall be the chair. In the absence of these two (2), the Committee shall vote on an interim Chair through a process of nomination, with a subsequent simple majority affirmative vote.
2. The Recruitment Committee is responsible for promoting student leadership on campus, empowering underrepresented groups, increasing A.S. membership and ensuring proper shared governance across Santa Monica College.

ARTICLE VIII: CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES**SECTION 1: AMENDMENTS**

1. Amendments to the A.S. Constitution are proposed to the student body by one of the following methods:
 - a. By being submitted by either the A.S. Constitution committee or the I.C.C. i. In order to be placed on the ballot, proposed amendments must receive a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Joint Council.
 - b. A petition signed by five percent (5%) of the members of the currently enrolled student body (fall or spring semesters only).
2. Amendments to this Constitution must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the ballots cast in a general or special A.S. election.
3. Public notice of such proposed modifications must be given two (2) weeks prior to the election.

SECTION 2: BY-LAWS

1. By-Laws of the A.S. Constitution are approved and/or modified by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Joint Council.

Legend:

ADDITIONS - Language added by approval of the changes to AS Constitution.

~~DEDUCTIONS~~ - Language removed by approval of the changes to AS Constitution.

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2. Public notice of such proposed modifications must be given two (2) weeks prior to the vote. Public notice may be accomplished by posting the proposed modifications on the A.S. website and/or publishing the proposed modifications in the Corsair Connect or Corsair Newspaper.

SECTION 3: RATIFICATION

This Constitution requires a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the ballots cast in a generally announced A.S. Election. Upon ratification, this Constitution shall become effective the final day of the semester in which it is adopted. Students who were elected or appointed to office at the time of ratification of this Constitution shall be permitted to fulfill their term of office.

Legend:

ADDITIONS - Language added by approval of the changes to AS Constitution.

~~DEDUCTIONS~~ - Language removed by approval of the changes to AS Constitution.