

# ASTCC Student Government

## CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### PREAMBLE

We, the Associated Students of Tacoma Community College, hereinafter referred to as the ASTCC, do hereby establish this constitution to insure that as students we are capable of fully exercising our rights concerning our education, and concerning expenditures of service and activities fees consistent with law and the policies of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 22.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this Constitution is to affirm the individual right of each student to participate directly in establishing policies and procedures associated with student life at Tacoma Community College. Additionally, this Constitution reaffirms the principle that the best student government is that which guarantees student participation which is direct, open, and responsive to changing student needs, which is integral to and not isolated from other decision making and governing processes of the college, and which provides development of each student participant.

### ARTICLE I

#### Membership

##### Section 1

Any student currently registered at Tacoma Community College who has paid a service and activity fee shall be eligible to participate in ASTCC activities, subject to conditions and limitations stipulated in this Constitution and the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

### ARTICLE II

## Organization

### Section 1

The government of the Associated Students of Tacoma Community College shall consist of a senate and an executive committee whose primary staff advisor shall be the chief student development administrator or his/her designee.

## ARTICLE III

### Executive Committee

#### Section 1

The Executive Committee shall consist of the ASTCC President, Secretary, and two Vice Presidents.

#### Section 2

Executive Committee members shall be given compensation which shall remain unchanged during their terms of office.

#### Section 3

Executive Committee job descriptions shall be kept on file. The Secretary and Vice Presidents shall be accountable to the President. The President shall be accountable to the Director of Student Programs.

#### Section 4

The requirements for Executive Committee members shall be enumerated in the by-laws of this constitution.

#### Section 5

The Executive Council's terms of office shall end on the last academic day of Spring quarter. The newly elected Executive Committee shall assume office the following academic day.

#### Section 6

If any of the Executive positions are vacated during the year, the position will be filled by the selection process enumerated in the by-laws of this constitution.

## ARTICLE IV

### President

#### Section 1

The president shall implement all matters and responsibilities derived from the college trustee policy and senate legislation.

#### Section 2

The president shall present and articulate the official position of the Associated Students of Tacoma Community College.

#### Section 3

The president shall sanction annually all student clubs and organizations at Tacoma Community College.

#### Section 4

The president may veto Senate legislation within two (2) instructional days of its passage. The Senate may override any such veto by a two-thirds (2/3) vote within five (5) instructional days of the veto.

#### Section 5

The president shall initiate and oversee the selection committee constituted to screen candidates for all positions mandated by this constitution.

#### Section 6

The members of ASTCC ad-hoc committees and college committees shall be appointed by the ASTCC President and reviewed by the Senate.

## ARTICLE V

### Senate

#### Section 1

All legislative power shall be vested in the Senate including:

- (a) adoption of service and activities fee budget for presentation to the Board of Trustees.
- (b) allocation of funds from the reserve/contingency account of the ASTCC Student Government.

#### Section 2

The Senate shall review appointments made by the ASTCC president and may veto such appointments by a two-third (2/3) vote of the members present, provided that such veto action is taken within twelve (12) instructional days of said appointment.

### Section 3

The Senate shall elect the executive committee.

## ARTICLE VI

### Service and Activities Fees

#### Section 1

Servicing of debt shall receive first priority in the budgeting allocation process.

## ARTICLE VII

### Removal from Office

#### Section 1

Grounds for removal from office of a senator or executive officer shall be limited to malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance.

#### Section 2

Procedures for removing any senator, or executive officer from office shall be stipulated in the by-laws and shall provide for due process and rights of review by and appeal to the office of the chief student development administration.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Amendments

#### Section 1

This Constitution may be amended by referendum from the Senate in a special election submitted to the students provided that:

- (a) such referendum shall have been approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate members present and voting.
- (b) such referendum shall be placed before the student body no sooner than twenty (20) instructional days following its favorable adoption by the Senate.
- (c) such referendum shall receive a simple majority of votes cast in said special election.

## Section 2

This Constitution may be amended by initiative petition submitted from the student body provided that:

- (a) such initiative petition contains the valid signatures of no less than 200 currently enrolled students who have paid a service and activities fee as verified by the College Records Office; and
- (b) the full text of such initiative petition shall be published in both the college newspaper and the college bulletin no sooner than twenty (20) days prior to a special election.
- (c) such initiative must receive a simple majority of votes cast in said special election.

## Section 3

The Executive Committee shall conduct such special elections for such referendums or initiative petitions as are submitted to the student body for ratification and shall ensure that all ballots are tabulated by an impartial committee of at least three (3) persons.

## Section 4

Amendments shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees of Community College District 22.