



Constitution

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Article I. Name and Membership

All and only registered students of Pomona College (henceforth referred to as “the College”) shall be members of the Associated Students of Pomona College (ASPC).

Article II. Purposes and Powers

Section 1: Mission Statement

The ASPC is created to enable effective student participation in the shared governance of the College, to serve as the representative voice of the students, and to provide a governance structure for the students of Pomona College.

As elected representatives of the student body and as the Board of Directors of the ASPC, the ASPC Senate shall:

1. Advocate for student interests, including to administrators, faculty, the Board of Trustees, alumni, parents, and local communities;
2. Allocate mandatorily collected student fees;
3. Provide useful programs, services, and resources to students; and
4. Foster an inclusive campus climate.

Section 2: Statement of Nonprofit

1. The ASPC is organized for nonprofit purposes. The ASPC is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private persons.

Section 3: Political Limitation

1. No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The ASPC shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publication or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 4: Dissolution Clause

1. Upon dissolution or winding up of the ASPC, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all the ASPC debts and liabilities shall be distributed to Pomona College, as long as Pomona College is a 501 (c)(3) organization. If Pomona College is no longer a 501 (c)(3) organization, the remaining assets

shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article III. The Senate

The Senate of the ASPC shall consist of fifteen students. Nine Senators shall be elected at-large: the President, the Vice President of Finance, the Vice President of Student Affairs, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, and the Commissioners of Campus Events, Equity & Inclusion, Facilities & Environment, Wellness, and Athletics. The other six Senators shall be elected by a more limited constituency: a Senior Class President, a Junior Class President, a Sophomore Class President, a First Year Class President, a South Campus Representative, and a North Campus Representative.

Section 1. Officers of the Senate

President

1. The President shall lead the ASPC in serving students and achieving its mission as outlined in Article 2 Section 1 of the ASPC Constitution;
2. The President shall serve as the chief executive officer, and provide strategic direction to ensure the health and well being of the ASPC and the student body which it represents;
3. The President shall serve as the chief representative of the student body to the Pomona College administration, Alumni Association Board, the 5C President's Council, the Claremont Consortium, and all external actors;
4. The President shall chair the Senate;
5. The President shall serve as the co-vice chair and voting member of the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, and lead the student delegation to the Board of Trustees;
6. The President shall serve on the student delegation to the Student Affairs Committee;
7. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all ASPC committees and sub-groups;
8. The President shall provide support to the Executive Council.

Vice President of Finance

1. The Vice President of Finance shall serve as the chief financial officer, and oversee administrative and operational functions of the ASPC;
2. The Vice President shall serve as a voting member of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees;
3. The Vice President shall meet regularly with the college Vice President and Treasurer;

4. The Vice President shall coordinate with the Assistant Director of the Smith Campus Center to hold annual meetings for club leaders at the beginning of the fall semester and during the spring semester;
5. The Vice President shall chair the Budget Committee, coordinate annual budget hearings, and review the status of the Association's investments and reserves;
6. The Vice President shall chair the Coop Committee, and ensure the financial and operational health of all of the Association's sponsored operations;
7. The Vice President shall serve on the Executive Council, and provide support for the "Finance and Operations" working group.

Vice President of Student Affairs

1. The Vice President of Student Affairs shall lead the ASPC's efforts related student affairs;
2. The Vice President shall meet regularly with the Dean of Students, and support community engagement in institutional policy change;
3. The Vice President shall regularly liaise with the Title IX office to lead ASPC advocacy efforts in the intervention and prevention of sexual assault on campus;
4. The Vice President shall lead the student delegation to the Student Affairs Committee;
5. The Vice President shall partner with the Vice President of Academic Affairs to recommend to the Senate student members of working groups, task forces, ad-hoc or newly created committees at the discretion of the President;
6. The Vice President shall serve on the Executive Council, and provide support to the "Student Affairs" working group.

Vice President of Academic Affairs

1. The Vice President of Academic Affairs shall lead the ASPC's efforts related to academic affairs, and represent students to the faculty of the college;
2. The Vice President shall serve as a voting member of the Educational Quality Committee of the Board of Trustees;
3. The Vice President shall chair the student Academic Affairs Committee;
4. The Vice President shall serve as a member or appoint student members to the Curriculum Committee, Critical Thinking and Writing Committee, Faculty Position Advisory Committee, and Study Abroad Committee;
5. The Vice President shall meet regularly with the Dean of the College and the Chair of the Faculty;
6. The Vice President shall partner with the Vice President of Student Affairs to recommend to the Senate student members of working groups, task forces, ad-hoc or newly created committees at the discretion of the President;
7. The Vice President shall serve on the Executive Council, and provide support to the "Academic Affairs" working group.

North Campus Representative

1. The North Campus Representative shall be elected by students living on North Campus and represent their interests to the Senate in matters related to student affairs;
2. The Representative shall reside on North Campus;

3. The Representative shall decide in partnership with the South Campus Representative to chair either the Residence Hall or the Food Committee;
4. The Representative shall serve on the student delegation to the Student Affairs Committee;
5. The Representative shall work in the "Student Affairs" working group, and work closely with the Vice President of Student Affairs;
6. In the case that students are not allowed to return to campus, the North Campus Representative shall be elected by currently enrolled juniors and seniors and represent their interests to the Senate in matters related to student affairs;
7. The Representative shall be a standing junior or senior if no student is allowed to live on campus.

South Campus Representative

1. The South Campus Representative shall be elected by students living on South Campus, and represent their interests to the Senate in matters related to student affairs;
2. The Representative shall reside on South Campus;
3. The Representative shall decide in partnership with the North Campus Representative to chair either the Residence Hall or the Food Committee;
4. The Representative shall serve on the student delegation to the Student Affairs Committee;
5. The Representative shall work in the "Student Affairs" working group, and work closely with the Vice President of Student Affairs;
6. In the case that students are not allowed to return to campus, the South Campus Representative shall be elected by currently enrolled first years and sophomores and represent their interests to the Senate in matters related to student affairs;
7. The Representative shall be a standing first year or sophomore if no student is allowed to live on campus.

Commissioner, Athletics

1. The Commissioner shall have the primary responsibility of representing students in varsity athletics, club sports, and recreational sports;
2. The Commissioner shall serve as a liaison to the Pomona-Pitzer athletic department;
3. The Commissioner shall chair the Athletics Committee, and coordinate programming involving athletics;
4. The Commissioner shall serve as a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; if they are not a current athlete, the Commissioner shall attend all Student-Athlete Advisory Committee meetings;
5. The Commissioner shall coordinate with the Commissioner of Wellness to promote physical health and wellness;
6. The Commissioner shall work in the "Academic Affairs" working group, and work closely with the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Commissioner, Campus Events

1. The Commissioner of Campus Events shall have the primary responsibility of leading social programming and creating an inclusive, vibrant, and healthy social climate on campus;
2. The Commissioner shall chair the Pomona Events Committee;
3. The Commissioner shall submit quarterly reports on PEC expenditures and activities to the Senate;
4. The Commissioner shall serve as a member of the Five College Student Activities Committee;
5. The Commissioner shall work in the "Finance and Operations" working group, and work closely with the Vice President of Finance.

Commissioner, Equity and Inclusion

1. The Commissioner of Equity and Inclusion shall have the primary responsibility of representing marginalized & underrepresented communities, activist & support organizations, and cohort & mentor groups of the college community;
2. The Commissioner shall chair the student Equity and Inclusion Committee;
3. The Commissioner shall meet regularly with the Dean of Student Mentoring and Leadership, head mentors, and the college diversity officers;
4. The Commissioner shall serve on the student delegation to the Student Affairs Committee;
5. The Commissioner shall serve on or recommend to the Senate a student to serve on the Analyzing Difference Committee;
6. The Commissioner shall recommend to the Senate student members of the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee;
7. The Commissioner shall work in both the "Academic Affairs" and "Student Affairs" working groups.

Commissioner, Facilities and Environment

1. The Commissioner of Facilities and Environment shall have the primary responsibility of advocating for improvements to campus infrastructure, services, and environment to ensure that they are accessible and relevant for students;
2. The Commissioner shall serve as the representative voice on the preservation and improvement of the quality of the environment;
3. The Commissioner shall serve as a voting member of the Facilities and Environment Committee of the Board of Trustees;
4. The Commissioner shall chair the Environmental Quality Committee, and meet regularly with the Assistant Director of the Sustainability Integration Office and the Assistant Vice President of Facilities;
5. The Commissioner shall serve as an ex-officio member of the President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability;
6. The Commissioner shall coordinate with the Commissioner of Wellness to advocate for physical accessibility on campus;
7. The Commissioner shall coordinate with the North and South Campus Representatives to advocate for sustainable practices in the Residence Hall and Food committees;

8. The Commissioner shall work in the "Finance and Operations" working group, and work closely with the Vice President of Finance.

Commissioner, Wellness

1. The Commissioner of Wellness shall have the primary responsibility of representing students in issues related to physical, mental, and holistic well-being;
2. The Commissioner shall serve as the representative student voice on mental health and campus accessibility;
3. The Commissioner shall chair the Wellness Committee;
4. The Commissioner shall regularly liaise with the Student Disability Resource Center, the Monsour Counseling and Psychological Services, and the Student Health Services;
5. The Commissioner shall serve as a member of the Academic Procedures Committee;
6. The Commissioner shall administer the Accessibility fund for student organizations;
7. The Commissioner shall work in both the "Academic Affairs" and "Student Affairs" working groups.

Senior Class President

1. The Senior Class President shall be a member of the senior class and have the primary responsibility of representing the senior class;
2. The President shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Honorary Degrees Committee of the Board of Trustees;
3. The President shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Wig Award Committee of the Board of Trustees, and co-lead participation in the Wig award process;
4. The President shall recommend to the Senate a voting member of the Advancement Committee of the Board of Trustees;
5. The President shall assist in the planning of Class Day and Commencement, and work closely with Advancement to coordinate participation in the senior class gift;
6. The President shall chair the Senior Class Committee, and meet regularly with the Senior Class Dean;
7. The President shall serve as a member of the Budget committee;
8. The President shall work closely with the ASPC President.

Junior Class President

1. The Junior Class President shall be a member of the junior class and have the primary responsibility of representing the junior class;
2. The President shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Honorary Degrees Committee of the Board of Trustees;
3. The President shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Wig Award Committee of the Board of Trustees, and co-lead participation in the Wig award process;

4. The President shall chair the Junior Class Committee, and meet regularly with the Junior Class Dean;
5. The President shall serve as a member of the Budget committee;
6. The President shall work closely with the ASPC President.

Sophomore Class President

1. The Sophomore Class President shall be a member of the sophomore class and have the primary responsibility of representing the sophomore class;
2. The President shall chair the Sophomore Class Committee ,and meet regularly with the Sophomore Class Dean;
3. The President shall chair the Student-Faculty Interaction committee;
4. The President shall serve as a member of the Budget committee;
5. The President shall work closely with the ASPC President.

First Year Class President

1. The First Year Class President shall be a member of the first year class and have the primary responsibility of representing the first-year class;
2. The President shall chair the First Year Class Committee, and meet regularly with the First Year Class Dean;
3. The President shall serve as a member of the Orientation and the Book Selection Committee;
4. The President shall serve as a member of the Budget committee;
5. The President shall work closely with the ASPC President.

Section 2. Powers

All powers not delegated by the Constitution or Bylaws of the ASPC shall be retained by the Senate.

Section 3. Fellowships

Senate members shall receive fellowships as determined by the Budget Committee during the annual budget hearings.

Article IV. Procedures

Section 1. Meetings

1. Meetings of the ASPC governing bodies and committees shall be open to public attendance except when, upon a two-thirds vote, or the Senate decides to close

them to discuss personnel or litigation issues. Any action taken in a closed session shall be reported at the next public opportunity.

2. The Senate shall meet no less than twice a month, excluding holidays.
3. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum for the Senate.
4. Each officer of the Senate has one vote.
5. Meetings of the Senate shall be called by the President, by a majority vote of the Senate, or by a petition signed by at least ten percent of the ASPC.
6. Senate meetings shall follow Roberts' Rules of Order.

Section 2. Elections

1. All balloting of the Associated Students shall be by secret ballot.
2. Terms of office for members of the Senate shall be indicated in the Bylaws. No student shall be eligible for election if that student is unwilling or unable to complete the term of office.
3. If the office of the President is vacated, the Senate shall make an appointment.
4. If the office of any other member of the Senate is vacated, the remaining members of the body shall, by a majority vote, decide whether to hold an election or to appoint someone to fill the position. If they decide to make an appointment, that appointment shall be for the unexpired term. If they decide to have an election, they may appoint a person to fill the position temporarily until such time as an election has been held.
5. The Senate shall maintain an Election Code containing election rules and procedures which are not specified in the Constitution or the Bylaws.
6. The Senate shall oversee the elections for any student representative whose election shall require the vote of the student body.

Section 3. Recall of Officers

Any officer of the Senate may be removed from office by a one-half vote of the constituency which that officer represents. Recall proceedings may be initiated by a petition signed by at least fifteen percent of the students in the officer's constituency, or by a majority of the Senate.

Section 4. Initiatives

Any matter over which a governing body or committee of the ASPC has jurisdiction may be brought to a vote of the ASPC either by a petition signed by at least ten percent of the ASPC or by a majority vote of the Senate. A decision on such a matter shall be determined by the majority of those voting on a ballot of at least four hundred members of the ASPC.

Section 5. Amendments and Bylaws

1. This Constitution may be amended by a three-fifths vote of the ASPC.
2. Bylaws shall be appended to this Constitution. These Bylaws may be amended either by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the Senate, or by a majority vote of the ASPC.

Section 6. Timetable for Recall, Referendum, and Amendments

Upon proper initiation of proceedings of recall, referendum, or amendment to either the Constitution or Bylaws, the Senate shall set a date for balloting not more than four school weeks from the date of presentation of the petition.

Ratified April 11, 1994 by a vote of the student body.

Amended March 25th, 1997 by a vote of the student body.

Amended April 12, 1999 by a vote of the student body.

Amended May 3, 2004 by a vote of the student body.

Amended May 2008 by a vote of the student body.

Amended September 2010 by a vote of the student body.

Amended September 2011 by a vote of the student body.

Amended September 2013 by a vote of the student body.

Amended February 15, 2017 by a vote of the student body.

Amended March 3, 2020 by a vote of the student body.

Amended August 27, 2020 by a vote of the student body.