

Constitution of the Student Government Association Of Azusa Pacific University

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Article One

Name, Colors, Mascot

- Sec. I The name of this organization shall be the Student Government Association, hereafter referred to as the SGA
- Sec. II The colors of Azusa Pacific University shall be brick and black, and the school mascot shall be the cougar.

Article Two

Members

- Sec. I Every student enrolled at the university shall be a member of the associated student body and shall choose from amongst themselves the officers of the Student Government Association in accordance with the standards and procedures set forth in the SGA By-Laws.

Article Three

Executive Council and Student Senate

- Sec. I The Executive Council shall consist of:
A. Elected members – President, Vice-President, and Controller
B. Appointed members – Office Manager, Director of Communications, Speaker of the House
- Sec. II The structure of the Student Body Senate shall be defined in Articles Seven of the By-Laws.
- Sec. III Qualifications and duties for members shall be defined in the By-Laws.
- Sec. IV The Dean of Students or his/her designate shall be the Advisor to the Executive Council and Student Senate.
- Sec. V The Executive Council and Student Senate shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

- A. Three-fourths (3/4) of the Executive Council and the Student Senate membership shall constitute the quorum necessary for transaction of business.
- B. Majority vote: any legitimate motion requires for its adoption a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the full membership of the Executive Council and Student Senate. Two-Thirds (2/3) vote shall hereafter be referred to as a majority vote.
- C. Any member of the Associated Student Body may attend Student Senate meetings (except those closed by a majority vote of the full Executive Council and Student Senate) and may obtain the floor in the traditional parliamentary manner. Such a person shall not have a vote.

Sec. VI Robert's Rules of Order shall be a guideline at all meetings of the Executive Council and Student Senate and shall be adhered to on all issues not contradictory to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Procedural Directives.

Article Four

Dismissal, Recall, Discipline, Resignation

Sec. I Any member of the Executive Council and Student Senate may be dismissed by a majority vote of the Executive Council and Student Senate.

Sec. II Replacement procedures for dismissed members are as outlined in Article Two, Section II of the Bylaws.¹

Sec. III In the event a petition requesting the recall of any Executive Council and Student Senate member is signed by 30% of the eligible voters, a recall election shall be held a minimum of five, but not more than fifteen days after the petition has been presented to the Executive Council and Student Senate.

- A. Such a recall vote for appointed members shall involve a yes/no vote.
- B. Appointed members of the Executive Council shall be replaced by another appointment.

Article Five

Initiative and Referendum

Sec. I Any action of the Executive Council and Student Senate, upon petition of 15% of the Associated Student Body members, must be submitted to a referendum vote of the Associated Student Body. The results of such a vote shall be binding upon the Executive Council and Student Senate.

¹ Per changes in the By-Laws, these procedures are actually located in Article III of the By-Laws.

- Sec. II Any action being considered by the Executive Council and Student Senate may, by a majority vote, be referred to the members of the Associated Student Body for their approval.
- Sec. III The ASB may initiate any action not covered in the Constitution upon petition signed by 15% of the ASB members.
- Sec. IV Initiatives and referendums shall be voted upon in not less than five days, but not more than fifteen school days after they have been presented to the Executive Council and Student Senate.
- Sec. V An initiative and/or referendum shall be declared valid upon a 2/3 majority vote of the votes cast, provided at least 40% of the ASB cast a ballot.

Article Six

By-Laws

- Sec. I Standard rules and regulations for SGA shall be referred to as By-Laws.
- Sec. II The By-Laws may be changed and/or amended by a majority vote of the Executive Council and Student Senate.

Article Seven

Constitutional Amendments

- Sec. I The ASB may originate and amendment by presenting a petition to the Executive Council and Student Senate signed by not less than 15% of the entire ASB.
- Sec. II The Executive Council and Student Senate may originate an amendment by a majority vote.
- Sec. III An amendment, however originated, must be posted within one week of its presentation. It must be voted upon by the ASB not less than a minimum of five school days nor more than a maximum of fifteen school days after posting.
- Sec. IV The amendment shall be declared valid upon two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast, provided at least 40% of the ASB cast a ballot.

Article Eight

Ratification

Sec. I

A three-fourths (3/4) majority of the votes cast by the ASB (provided at least 60% cast a ballot) shall be sufficient to ratify this constitution.

