

New Constitution Interpreted

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name and Object

Section I. Name. This association shall be known as the Associated Students of the University of Oregon.

Section II. Object. The object of this association shall be to assist the administration of the University of Oregon in the promotion of the educational, cultural, social, and physical activities of the students of the University of Oregon.

ARTICLE II

Section I. The president of the University of Oregon shall be responsible for and shall administer extra-curricular duties.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section I. Membership. The membership of this association shall consist of all resident undergraduate students registered in the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section I. Elective Officers. The elective officers of this association shall be a president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary-treasurer, two representatives from the senior class, two representatives from the junior class, two representatives from the sophomore class, and the yell king, who shall be elected from the members of this association at its regular annual election, and shall hold office until the next regular election as provided for in this constitution.

Section II. Non-elective Officers. The non-elective officers of this association shall be the Editor of the Oregon Daily Emerald, the president of the Associated Women Students, and the Dean of Men of the University of Oregon.

Section III. Qualifications of Officers. Clause 1. Any member of this association who shall have completed at least three terms at the University of Oregon and who shall have acquired one hundred ten credit hours shall be eligible for election to the office of president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary-treasurer, or representative from the senior class.

Any member of this association who shall have completed at least two terms at the University of Oregon and shall have acquired not less than seventy-four credit hours nor more than one hundred ten credit hours shall be eligible for election to the office of representative from the junior class.

Any member of this association who shall have completed at least two terms at the University and shall have acquired no less than twenty-four credit hours nor more than seventy-three credit hours shall be eligible for election to the office of representative from the sophomore class.

Clause 2. All student officers of this association shall have complied with the academic requirements of the University of Oregon.

Section IV. Nominations. Clause 1. Each candidate for nomination shall submit to the president of this association on or before midnight of the second day prior to the nominating assembly a declaration of his or her intention to be a candidate, designating the specific office sought, with a certificate of eligibility signed by the Dean of Men or the Dean of Women or their personal representatives as the case may be.

Clause 2. The nominating assembly of this association shall be held at a date during the spring term, the date to be determined by the Executive Council. Such date shall be published in the Oregon Daily Emerald in at least three issues prior to the date of the nominating assembly.

Section V. Elections. Clause 1. Elections shall be held on the fifth day following nominations.

Clause 2. The elections shall be held in compliance with the preferential system of voting as provided for in the by-laws.

Clause 3. In all elections under this constitution, the Australian Ballot system shall be used.

Clause 4. The polls shall be open continuously from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on election days.

Clause 5. Five days prior to the date set for the election of officers or any special election of this association, the manager of the Educational Activities Board of the University of Oregon shall have prepared an official poll book, which book shall contain in alphabetical order the names of all members of this association. No person shall be permitted to vote unless his or her name appears in the official poll book. Any member of this association who has purchased an educational activities card shall be entitled to have his or her name in the poll book and shall be entitled to vote at the annual election or any special election of this association.

The manager of the Educational Activities Board shall certify in writing on the poll book that it is the official poll book, and shall deliver the same in person to the Dean of Men of the University of Oregon before 5 p.m. of the day prior to the election. The first vice-president of this association shall, fifteen minutes prior to the opening of the polls receive the official poll book from the Dean of Men upon a receipt therefore to the Dean of Men.

Clause 6. All elections under this constitution shall be conducted by such rules and regulations as may be laid down by the Executive Council and such rules and regulations shall be administered by the first vice-president of this association.

Clause 7. The ballots shall be counted only by the judges appointed by the Executive Council and under the direction of the first vice-president of this association.

Clause 8. Any qualified voter of this association wishing to contest the election of any person must give notice in writing to the Judiciary Committee of the University of Oregon within ten days from the date of said election, stating under oath the reason or reasons for contesting the election, supported by the statements under oath of not less than five qualified voters therein, the nature and character of the irregularities upon which the contest is based.

Section VI. Vacancies. Clause 1. The order of succession to the

EDITOR'S NOTE

This page is devoted to the new ASUO constitution, written by a student-faculty group of which Student Body President Les Anderson was a member. In columns 7 and 8 Anderson explains and interprets the new set of rules. This new constitution was read to the executive council Thursday afternoon and was approved by that body.

A special place on the ballot will be provided for the votes of the student body accepting or rejecting the constitution. The constitution is printed in full on the other columns of this page so that each student may read it and decide whether or not it fulfills the requirements necessary.

office of president shall be the first vice-president, the second vice-president, and the secretary-treasurer.

Clause 2. All other vacancies existing among the elective officers of this association shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Council of this association.

ARTICLE V

Executive Council

Section II. Membership. The membership of the Executive Council shall be the Executive Council of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon.

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Section III. Duties. Clause 1. The management of all affairs and interests of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon, except those delegated by the President of the University of Oregon to other sources, shall be vested in the Executive Council.

Clause 2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Council to require all members of this association to comply with all provisions of this constitution.

Clause 3. The Executive Council shall have regulatory powers over the senior class, the junior class, the sophomore class, and the freshman class, the supervisory power over the Associated Women Students, the Women's Athletic Association, Kwama, Skull and Dagger, Phi Theta Upsilon, Druids, and the Order of the "O."

Clause 4. The Executive Council shall have power to initiate, sponsor, and supervise all student activities necessary to carry out the objects of this association as set forth in Article I, Section II of this constitution, and consistent with the powers of the President of the University of Oregon as stated in Article II of this constitution.

Section IV. Meetings. Regular meetings of the Executive Council shall be held twice in each month of the school year, at a time and place to be determined by the president of this association.

The president of this association may call special meetings of the Executive Council at any time.

Section V. Quorum. Two-thirds of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI

Judiciary Committee

Section I. Membership. The judiciary committee which any member or administrative body of this association may refer any question on which it desires an opinion as to the correct judicial construction or interpretation of any part of this constitution or by-laws, shall consist of five members: Dean of the Law School or his personal representative as permanent chairman, two members of the faculty of the University of Oregon, and two upperclass members of this association.

Appointment to membership of this committee shall be made by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the President of the University of Oregon and the president of this association.

Section II. Authority. The judiciary committee shall have supreme and final authority on all questions of interpretation of this constitution, by-laws, and student legislation and on all disputes arising from student body or class elections, and shall, upon request of the Executive Council, render advisory opinions on the interpretation of the constitution and by-laws.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

Section I. Proposition of Amendments. Clause 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a petition signed by one hundred members of this association.

Clause 2. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a three-fourths vote of the Executive Council.

Section II. Publicity. The proposed amendments shall be published in the Oregon Daily Emerald on two successive publication days, and be voted upon by ballot of the members of this association one week from the date of the last publication.

Section III. Adoption. A two-thirds majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary for the adoption of any amendment, provided that one-half of the members of this association cast ballots.

ARTICLE VIII

Adoption

Section I. Adoption. The adoption of this constitution supersedes and amends all other existing constitutions and by-laws of this association.

Four Years' Work Produces Streamlined Rules, Wording; Students to Decide Tuesday

By LES ANDERSON, ASUO President

Four years of tedious work terminated yesterday in the adoption by the executive council of the ASUO of a new constitution to be presented at the coming election for final approval by the student body. It was in 1940 that John Dick appointed a constitution reorganization committee, and each student body president thereafter attempted to utilize such a

committee. Innumerable difficulties presented themselves to each of these committees, and for some unknown reason, work was dropped.

Not so this year—the ASUO shall have a new constitution, provided that the voters at the coming election see it appropriate. One might easily question the reasons for the adoption of such a document when this year and past years have seen executive councils operate without apparent confusion. However, by-law after by-law, formed by the many executive councils, have created one inseparable mass of regulations which makes it impossible to know just where the ASUO stands on certain issues.

Hard Reading

Not even the judiciary committee whose function it is to interpret the present constitution finds it easy to segregate this huge jumble of rules into formidable decisions. Thus we find the same bit of pre-election confusion as to "what the constitution says" existing each year. Then, too, there is the fact that the old constitution is far from being legally perfect, allowing many "loopholes" which add to the confusion.

Under the new constitution, the election rules are in the constitution where they cannot easily be amended by action of the Executive Council. It defines just who is eligible to run for certain offices, and what his qualifications must be. An object is set forth, so that the ASUO can determine its real reason for existence. The powers of the executive council are listed exactly so that no question of unconstitutional action can arise. The classes are placed under the regulatory jurisdiction of the executive council, and various honoraries will be able to receive constant advice as to how they may be of better service to the University.

Legally Perfect

Let it be known that there is nothing radical about the new constitution; it merely brings the previous one up to date, thus serving a more useful purpose to student government. Most important of all, it is legally perfect. Under the capable guidance of Professor Howard of the law school, the committee took every precaution to guard against "loop-holes" and need for numerous by-laws which would probably result in the ever-occurring jumble of conflicting rules.

The new constitution has a direct bearing on the future of student government. It is but another step toward more efficient control of student activities by the students themselves. Thus it will deserve the utmost consideration on the part of every voter in the coming election.

A line on the ASUO ballot will be provided for the ayes and nays of the student body in the Tuesday election.