

Final Draft: Proposed ASUO Constitution

CONSTITUTION ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

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 of students shall be the promotion of the educational, cultural, social, and physical activities of the students of the University of Oregon.

Clause 1. The objectives of framing this Constitution are:

a. Under the present council system with class representatives, not only do the representatives lack responsibility, but they have no way of ascertaining real student needs and desires. Of equal importance is the fact that University and state officials have no way of measuring student opinion.

b. Students have been criticized for a seeming lack of ability to manage their own affairs and activities, while in reality the present governmental form gives them no opportunity to do so. If, by the time the student reaches college age, he is given no chance to prove his competence in the practice of democratic processes, he will be of doubtful political use to his community, state, or nation when he leaves school. Development of the ability to assume an active part in government is surely as necessary a part of college education as the regular curricular subjects.

Article II

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

Section II. It is recognized that the president of the University of Oregon in conformity with the authority assigned him by the State Board of Higher Education must assume final responsibility for the extra-curricular program.

Article III

Executive

Section I. Elective Officers. The elective officers of this association shall be president and vice-president.

Section II. Qualification of Officers.

Clause 1. Any members of this association who shall have completed at least three terms at the University of Oregon and who shall have acquired 110 credit hours shall be eligible for election to the office of president, or vice-president.

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

Section III. Nominations.

Clause 1. Each candidate for nomination must 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 dean of women or their personal representative as the case may be.

Clause 2. The nominating assembly of this association shall be held at a date to be determined by April first and notice to be published in the first three issues of the Oregon Daily Emerald for the month of April.

Section IV. 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 Article IX.

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, or his personal representative, of the University of Oregon before 5 p.m. of the day prior to the election. The vice-president of this association shall, 15 minutes prior to the opening of the polls receive the official poll book from the Dean of Men upon a receipt thereof 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 president of the ASUO in conjunction with the committee on elections of the University Congress, and such rules and regulations shall be administered by the vice-president of this association.

Clause 7. The ballots shall be counted only by the judges appointed by the president of the ASUO and under the direction of the 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 the reason or reasons for contesting the election, supported by the statements of not less than five upon which the contest has been based.

Section V. Vacancies.

Clause 1. The order of succession to the office of president shall be by the vice-president, or president pro-tem of the University Congress.

Article IV

University Congress

Section I. Membership to the University Congress.

Clause 1. Representation to the Congress shall be on the basis of one representative per every fifty students or major portion thereof. Any organization consisting of at least 26 members, recognized and

approved by the executive council, will be eligible for representation to the first session of the Congress; thereafter a permanent Congress committee on representation shall accept or reject all applications for membership to the University Congress.

Clause 2. All students unaffiliated with any living organization may attain representation by:

(a) Joining present recognized organizations already in existence.

(b) Evolving new organizations for the specific purpose of gaining representation; these organizations to have at least 26 members, and to hold meetings at least once per month.

Clause 3. (a) Representatives from the recognized and approved organizations shall be elected by the organizations during spring term for the following school year. The result of these elections must be filed with the president of the ASUO before the close of spring term.

(b) In the event representatives elected to the congress are not qualified to serve, a special election shall be held in the organization concerned to elect a new representative or alternate as the case may be. (See section on eligibility). The results of these special elections must be filed with the president of the ASUO before the term opening meeting of the University Congress.

Section II. Organization of the University Congress.

Clause 1. The vice-president of the ASUO shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the University Congress. In the event of the absence of the vice-president, a president pro-tem, elected by the University Congress at their first meeting of the year, shall preside.

Clause 2. The members of the University Congress shall meet on the first Monday of every month in the academic year. Special meetings may be called by the presiding officer.

Clause 3. The recorder for the University Congress shall be appointed by the presiding officer, with the approval of the Congress.

Clause 4. A sergeant-at-arms shall be elected by the University Congress.

Clause 5. The University Congress shall have the power to create all such committees as are deemed necessary. These committees shall be non-partisan and shall be appointed by the presiding officer subject to the approval of the Congress.

Clause 6. The presiding officer shall appoint standing committees on finance, elections, membership, classes, and honoraries, subject to the approval of the University Congress.

Clause 7. Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the procedure of the University Congress and all committee meetings.

Clause 8. Two-thirds of the voting members of the University Congress shall constitute a quorum.

Article V

Powers of the University Congress

Section I. The control of all affairs and interests of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon, except those specifically delegated to the president of the ASUO, and those delegated by the president of the University to other sources, shall be vested solely in the University Congress with the exception that all elections of this association shall be conducted by the ASUO president.

Section II. The University Congress shall have regulatory powers over the senior class, the junior class, the sophomore class, and the freshman class, the Associated Women Students, the Women's Athletic Association, Kwama, Skull and Dagger, Phi Theta Upsilon, Druids, Order of the "O", Rally Squad, and all other organi-

zations which come under the jurisdiction of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon.

Section III. The University Congress shall set rules and regulations regarding the presentation of student opinion.

Section IV. The University Congress shall set rules and regulations regarding the presentation of athletic awards.

Section V. The University Congress shall pass on the budget for ASUO activities submitted by the executive branch of this organization.

Section VI. The University Congress shall determine the policies that shall guide the actions of the executive branch.

Article VI

Duties of the Officers

Section I. President of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon.

Clause 1. The ASUO president shall administer the affairs of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon.

Clause 2. The ASUO president shall appoint chairmen of all committees necessary to assist in administering the affairs of the ASUO.

Clause 3. The ASUO president will appoint, with the approval of the President of the University of Oregon, all student members of the Faculty-Student Committee.

Clause 4. The ASUO president will prepare an annual budget to submit to the University Congress.

Section II. Duties of the Vice-president.

Clause 1. The vice-president shall preside over the meetings of the University Congress.

Clause 2. The vice-president shall have the power to call special meetings of the Congress.

Clause 3. The vice-president shall prepare and order of business and cause it to be published in the Oregon Daily Emerald three days before each meeting of the Congress.

Clause 4. The vice-president, in the permanent or temporary absence of the president, shall assume all duties delegated to the president of this association.

Article VII

Amendments

Section I. Proposition of Amendments.

Clause 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a petition signed by 100 students who are members of this association.

Clause 2. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by

a two-thirds vote of the University Congress.

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 supercedes and amends all other existing constitutions and by-laws of this association.

Article IX

Preferential Voting

(Same as in Article IV of present by-laws)

Article X

Judiciary Committee

Section I. Membership. The judiciary committee to which any member of the 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-law, shall consist of five members—Dean of 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 to the judiciary committee shall be made by the President of the ASUO on the recommendation of the President of the University of Oregon.

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.

BY-LAWS

Article I

By-Laws

Section I. By-laws to this constitution and amendments to such by-laws may be proposed by any member of this association and shall be adopted by a three-fourths majority vote of the University Congress.

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