

# Constitution Amendment Proposals

## ASUO CONSTITUTION

We the students of the University of Oregon in order to establish a representative government; to encourage the development of leaders and participants for the community, state, and nation; to improve student cultural, social and physical welfare, to promote the general welfare of this institution; and to provide for the promotion, maintenance, and regulation of such matters as are delegated to student government by the University of Oregon Administration and Faculty, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution.

### ARTICLE I

#### Name

This organization shall be known as the Associated Students of the University of Oregon.

### ARTICLE II

#### Membership

Section I. The membership of this Association shall consist of all students registered in the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, who have paid the Student Union-Educational Activities fee.

Section II. Student membership of any of the particular classes shall be determined by the academic rules of the University of Oregon.

### ARTICLE III

#### Officers

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

Section II. The Elective Legislative Officers. The elective legislative officers of this Association shall be the senators-at-large, the representatives from each academic class, the housing residents representatives, the married students representative, and the international student representative.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Qualifications of Officers

Section I. Any member of this Association shall be eligible for election to the office of president or vice-president.

Section II. No student shall take office nor continue to hold office under this Constitution unless he shall have complied with the academic requirements of the University of Oregon.

Section III. No member of this association shall concurrently be a candidate for more than one office under this constitution.

### ARTICLE V

#### Duties of the President

Section I. The executive power of the ASUO shall reside with the President of this Association.

Section II. The President shall be responsible for the administration of all legislation enacted by the Senate.

Section III. He shall nominate to the President of the University student members to student-faculty committees, appoint members to executive, administrative, and ASUO student committees, and all other appointments to positions he deems necessary.

Section IV. The President shall provide the presiding officer of the Senate with a written list of all his appointments and/or nominations of student members to committees or positions with a written statement of their duties and responsibilities by the first senate meeting following their appointment.

Section V. He shall by the third week of spring term submit to the Senate an estimate of the ASUO budget for the coming year, to be approved by a majority of the senators present and voting. He shall also submit, with the proposed ASUO budget an accounting of his expenditures for the previous year.

Section VI. All Senate legislation shall be submitted to the President of the Association. Within five days of its enactment the President shall approve the legislation by his signature, or veto the legislation and return it with a written statement of his objections to the presiding officer of the Senate.

Section VII. If the President does not sign or return legislation within five days of its enactment by the Senate, it shall be considered approved by the President.

Section VIII. The Senate may overrule the President's veto by two-thirds vote of the senators present and voting, at the first Senate meeting following the date of the President's veto.

Section IX. He shall from time to time inform and recommend to the Senate matters concerning student welfare.

## ARTICLE VI

### Duties of the Vice-President

Section I. He shall preside over all meetings of the ASUO Senate and shall exercise all powers pertaining to the calling of the meeting and conduct of business in accord with this constitution.

Section II. He may postpone substantive motions until the next senate meeting if he feels additional information pertinent to the motion should be presented. A majority of the senators present and voting at the senate meeting may overrule a postponement made by the vice-president.

Section III. He shall assume all duties pertaining to the office of president in the president's absence and all other duties as delegated to him by the President of the Association.

## ARTICLE VII

### Senate

Section I. Membership of the Senate. The ASUO Senate shall be composed of:

Clause 1. The Vice-President of the ASUO, as presiding officer.

Clause 2. One representative from the freshman class, the sophomore class, the junior class, the senior class, and the graduate school.

Clause 3. One representative from upper-class women's dormitory residents and one representative from the upper-class men's dormitory residents.

Clause 4. One representative from freshman men's dormitory residents and one representative from freshman women's dormitory residents.

Clause 5. One representative from fraternity housing residents and one representative from sorority housing residents.

Clause 6. One representative from men's cooperative housing residents and one representative from women's cooperative housing residents.

Clause 7. One man and one woman representative from off-campus unmarried students.

Clause 8. One representative from off-campus married students.

Clause 9. One international student representative.

Clause 10. Eighteen members elected at large.

Section II. The Senate shall elect its own officers, with the exception of the vice-president, who shall be presiding officer of the Senate, and with the exception of the parliamentarian, who shall be appointed by the vice-president.

Section III. Duties and Powers of the Senate.

Clause 1. The legislative power of the ASUO shall reside in the Senate.

Clause 2. The Senate shall have the power to investigate and report in any area of student life.

Clause 3. The Senate shall have the power to create senate committees and shall approve by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting the appointments of their members and chairman.

Clause 4. The Senate shall approve all nomination made by the ASUO President to Student-Faculty committees and all other appointments they deem necessary by a two-thirds vote of the present and voting members.

Clause 5. The Senate shall meet at least semi-monthly and also at the call of the President, Vice-President, or a majority of the current members of the Senate.

Clause 6. The Senate shall approve all rules and regulations established by the Vice-President for the proper carrying out of elections.

Clause 7. The Senate shall have the power to withhold approval of class activities and functions.

Clause 8. One more than one-half of the current voting members of the Senate shall constitute a quorum.

Clause 9. Veto Emergency Clause. The Senate may by a two-thirds of its present and voting members add an emergency clause to any legislation, placing the legislation into effect immediately unless vetoed by the President.

Clause 10. The Senate shall elect a chairman of committees from its membership who shall appoint the chairmen and members to senate committees.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Elections

Section I. Election dates.

Clause 1. The Vice-President of the ASUO shall be responsible for the selection of the specific dates for the ASUO general elections to be held fall, winter, and spring

term, subject to the approval of a majority of the present and voting members of the Senate.

Clause 2. The general election shall be preceded by a primary election.

### Section II. Tenure.

Clause 1. The ASUO President, Vice-President, Cooperative Representatives, Fraternity and Sorority Representative, Upper-Class Dorm Representatives, Off-Campus Representatives, Married Student Representative, and Sophomore, Junior, Senior Class Representative, and six members elected at large shall be elected during the Spring term general elections and shall serve until the last senate meeting of spring term the following year.

Clause 2. Six senators-at-large, the freshman class officers, graduate student representative, and international student representative shall be elected at the fall term general election, and shall serve until their successors are elected at the next Fall term elections.

Clause 3. Six senators-at-large shall be elected during the Winter term general election and shall serve until their successors are elected at the next winter term election.

Section III. Class Elections. Each class shall elect a President, Vice-President, and Representative, who shall hold office until their successor is elected.

Section IV. Qualifications for Voting.

Clause 1. Each Student is eligible to vote for candidates seeking election for the following:

1) ASUO President and Vice-President. Elected on the same ballot.

2) Eighteen senators-at-large.

3) The officers of the voters academic class; and for the representative from the living group in which he declares his intention of residing the succeeding Fall term.

Clause 2. The International student is eligible to vote for the International Student Representative.

Clause 3. The off-campus married student is eligible to vote for Married student representative.

### Section V. Replacement.

Clause 1. The vacancy of any office elected under this constitution shall be filled during the next ASUO election, with the exception of the office of ASUO President, which shall be filled by the Vice-President.

Clause 2. In the vacancy of the office of Vice-President the President of the ASUO shall convene the Senate and at that time the Senate shall elect a presiding officer from its membership and the elected presiding officer shall fill that position until the next ASUO election, at which time a new ASUO Vice-President will be elected.

Clause 3. In the simultaneous Vacancies of the offices of ASUO President and Vice-President the Senate shall call itself into session, select a senate presiding officer from its membership, and set a date for a special election to elect a President and Vice-President.

## ARTICLE IX

### Judiciary

Section I. Constitutional Committee.

Clause 1. Membership. The Constitutional Committee, to which any member and

administrative body of this association may refer any question on which it desires an opinion as 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 upper class members of this Association. Appointment to membership to this committee shall be made by the Senate on the recommendation of the President of the University of Oregon and the President of this Association.

Clause 2. Authority. The Constitutional Committee shall have supreme and final authority on all questions of interpretation of this constitution, by-laws, and the student legislation and on all disputes arising from student body or class elections, and shall, upon request of the Senate render advisory opinions on the interpretations of the constitution and by-laws.

## ARTICLE X

### Recall

Section I. The electorate shall have the power to recall an ASUO elected legislative or executive officer:

Clause 1. By petition setting forth that the signers thereof are in favor of recalling the specified officer, and such petition shall contain the signatures of not less than twenty-five percent of the members of the ASUO eligible to vote for the specified officer. Such signatures and membership in the ASUO shall be validated by an individual selected by a majority vote of the present and voting members of the Senate.

Clause 2. Upon validation of the signatures and membership of the signers to the petition referred to in Article VIII, Section I, Clause 1, of this Constitution, a special election may be called by the ASUO Senate, or at the discretion of the ASUO Senate at the next regularly scheduled election the question of the recall shall be submitted to the voters. If a majority or more of the votes cast at such election shall favor a recall, then said officer shall be recalled.

## ARTICLE XI

### Referendum and Initiative

Section I. Referendum. two-thirds vote of the present and voting members of the Senate shall be necessary to refer proposals to the members of this Association.

Section II. Initiative. A proposal may be placed on a general election ballot by a petition by five percent of the members of the Association, provided the petition is presented to the ASUO President at least two weeks prior to the general election.

## ARTICLE XII

### Amendments

Section I. Proposal. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a two-thirds vote of the Senate members present and voting, or by a petition by ten percent of the members of this association.

Section II. Adoption. A two-thirds majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary for the adoption of any amendment, provided at least twenty-five percent of the qualified voters vote on the amendment.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Enabling Clause

Section I. This constitution shall be

adopted by a two-thirds vote at a general election of the student body, provided that one-half of the members of this Association cast ballots.

Section II. The adoption of this constitution and by-laws supercedes and amends all other existing constitutions and by-laws of this Association.

Section III. The ASUO Executive Council shall conduct the first election under this constitution.

Section IV. The following provisions shall establish the requirements for adoption of the amendments submitted May 6, 1964:

Clause 1. Article VIII, Section II and Section IV will not go into effect until Spring, 1965.

Clause 2. Article VII, Section I will not go into effect until Spring, 1965.

Clause 3. Article IV, Section I, Clause 1 of the current ASUO constitution will be changed from President to Vice-President pending approval of proposed ASUO constitutional amendments by the students.

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