



California State University, Monterey Bay Associated Students Constitution

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Preamble

We, the students of California State University, Monterey Bay, in order to promote educational, social, and cultural opportunities, to govern and finance student activities and to facilitate participation in University community, do hereby adopt and establish this Constitution.

Article I – Name & Color

The name of the organization shall be Associated Students of California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB). Herein after referred to as “Associated Students” or “AS”.

The official colors of this organization shall be Valley Green & Gold.

Article II – Mission Statement

Associated Students of California State University, Monterey Bay is an organization that seeks to serve, empower, and represent students in all areas of student concern.

We will engage in an active role in the decisions, actions, and the affairs of our university through advocacy and equitable governance.

Article III – Membership

Section. 1 Membership Fee

The membership fee is fixed pursuant to California Education Code Section §89300 and is subject to increase only upon approval of the student body.

The general AS operational budget of this organization shall be funded directly from AS student fees of \$48 dollars a semester per student.

All enrolled students who have paid the mandated Associated Students Fee, or students who meet the statutory criteria for a California State University (CSU) fee waiver, shall be guaranteed all rights and privileges afforded within AS.

Section 1. Privileges

Members shall be allowed one (1) vote in any election, initiative or referendum conducted by the Associated Students.

Attend any Associated Students sponsored or co-sponsored activity or/and event.

Article IV – Duty of Good Faith

All members of the Associated Students shall perform their duties in good faith, in a manner they believe to be in the best interest of its members (Student Body).

Article V – Organization

Organization of the Associated Students Government’s structure, shall be stated in the organization’s Bylaws, including which Officers are elected and which officers are appointed into the organization.

Organization of the Associated Students AS Board of Directors, and Officers, their qualifications, powers, responsibilities, term of office, and manner of removal and filling vacancies shall be stated in the organization’s Bylaws.

Organization of the Associated Students Governing documents are guided by this Constitution and then implemented by the organization’s Bylaws. The AS Constitution shall supersede any and all governing documents of the organization.

Article VI – Oath of Office

Elected officers of the AS are required to take the Oath of Office.

Oath of Office: “I, as an elected official solemnly swear that I will, to the best of my abilities, support the AS Constitution, Bylaws and Coded Memoranda of the Associated Students, to uphold the University Foundation Vision Statement, and promote, maintain, and extend the worth, value and name of California State University, Monterey Bay.”

Article VII – Values

Section 1. Community

We strive to promote a positive image of our University and students on campus, in the region and to organizations, universities, companies and other student governments across the state. We also pledge to serve our students; it is they whom we represent and to whom we are ultimately accountable. We are Otters!

Section 2. Advocacy

We, Associated Students of California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB), will strive to ensure that our students’ voices are heard within the university, community, region and the State.

We actively do so through the University’s shared governance and our representation on the President’s Extended Cabinet, Academic Faculty Senate, California State Student Association (CSSA) and other standing or special committees designed by AS.

The concerns of our students are our concerns; we are made in the CSU.

Section 3. Legacy

We will strive to support the growth of student leaders on campus by providing the opportunity to leave their legacy by supporting multiple goals, gaining valuable skills, and working collectively with our fellow Otters to empower the community.

Section 4. Inclusivity

We will strive to uphold the university's Founding Vision through our shared governance, advocacy and AS initiatives to support equal access and opportunity to all students. We are committed to promoting an inclusive learning community that ensures diversity of people and ideas within both our organization and divisions. Raft up!

Article VIII – Constitution Amended

Section 1. Number Needed to Proposed Amendment

Amendment to this constitution may only be proposed through the Bill process (refer to the Bylaws for direction) and require:

- A. Two-thirds vote of the Associated Students Senate, or
- B. A petition bearing the signatures of ten percent (10%) of the Associated Students and presented to the Associated Students President.

Section 2. Number Needed to Adopt Amendment

The amendment shall be placed on the ballot of the next general/special election. A favorable vote of majority of the students voting in the election, on the proposed amendment, shall be necessary for the adoption of the amendment.