



# **Cal State Monterey Bay Associated Students Constitution**

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## Preamble

We, the students of California State University, Monterey Bay, to promote educational, social, and cultural opportunities, to govern and finance student activities, and to facilitate participation in the 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). Referenced later in this document as “Associated Students” or “AS”.

The official colors of this organization shall be Monterey Bay Blue, Ocean Blue, and Valley Green.

## 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 our university’s decisions, actions, and affairs of our university through advocacy and equitable governance.

We seek to uphold our university’s commitment to its Founding Vision Statement in providing higher education to the “diverse people of California, especially the working class, historically undereducated and low-income populations,” by advocating for affordable tuition and fees and ensuring that student support services remain available as a means to ensure student retention and completion of higher education degrees.

## **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 \$90 per 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 by AS.

### **Section 2. Privileges**

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

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

## **Article IV – Duty of Good Faith**

All members (including officers) of the Associated Students shall act in good faith and in a manner they believe to be in the best interest of the 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. AS Officers, their qualifications, powers, responsibilities, and other information regarding their roles shall be enumerated in the AS Bylaws.

AS Governing documents are guided by this Constitution and then implemented through 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

The Associated Students, in support of the university’s acknowledgment of the indigenous lands on which it resides, shall recite the CSUMB Land Acknowledgement at designated special campus-wide events, prior to its business meetings, and include posting it in AS Board/Committee agendas as follows:

Cal State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) resides on the indigenous homeland of the Amah Mutsun, Esselen, Ohlone, Rumsen, Salinan people and territories. It is on these rich homelands where CSUMB not only thrives as an institution of higher education but also provides an education abundant with service and experience to a diverse community of learners.

As our students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members explore the university’s campus, remember to respect the land and take note of the natural beauty. Remember that ancestors rest below pathways and in other less-traveled areas on campus. We Are Here - Let Ka Lai

### 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, 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 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 in 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 opportunities to leave their legacy by achieving multiple goals, gaining applicable 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 Statement through our shared governance, advocacy, and AS initiatives to support equal access and opportunity for all students. We are committed to promoting an inclusive learning community that ensures diversity of people and ideas within 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. A two-thirds vote of the Associated Students Senate, or
- B. A petition bearing the signatures of ten percent (10%) of the Associated Students was presented to the AS President.

### **Section 2. Number Needed to Adopt Amendment**

The amendment shall be placed on the next general/special election ballot. A favorable majority of the students voting in the election on the proposed amendment is needed to adopt the amendment.