

Washington High School Associated Student Body

Article I

***Section A.* NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Associated Student Body of Washington High School. It may be referred to in this Constitution and its Bylaws as the ASB, or the student body.

***Section B.* MASCOT**

The mascot of this organization shall be the Husky.

***Section C.* COLORS**

The colors of this organization shall be Orange and Black.

***Section D.* PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization shall be to foster the general welfare of the student body, perpetuate and give a working knowledge of the democratic process to the student body, promote spirit and pride in Washington High School, encourage participation in school activities and sports, reflect the desires of the student body accurately to all involved parties, including but not limited to Washington High School administrators, faculty, and parents, and broaden the horizons of the student body.

Article II

***Section A.* MEMBERSHIP**

All students in attendance at Washington High School shall be considered active members of the ASB with full membership rights.

***Section B.* RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

All members of the student body shall have the following rights:

- (1) Participation in all Washington High School events
- (2) Membership to any recognized organization operating at Washington High School, subject to restrictions within the organization's constitution, where these restrictions do not infringe of any of the students' rights of equal opportunity based on: gender, religion, ethnicity, age, physical impairment, or sexual orientation.
- (3) A vote in all grade appropriate elections, or other electoral processes, subject to the restrictions set forth by the Elections Commission.

Section C. IDENTIFICATION

All members of this organization are required, by law, to carry a school-provided identification card on their person at all times when on campus, or at a Washington High School event.

Section D. ASB STICKERS

At their discretion, members of the student body may purchase an ASB sticker, which will be placed on his/her ID card. This sticker gives the member the following privileges at Washington High School:

- (1) Reduced rate on the *Washingtonian*.
- (2) An issue of *The Hatchet*.
- (3) Admission to all Washington High School sporting events at reduced prices, excepting NCS playoffs.
- (4) Reduced rates to most Washington High School activities

Article III

Section A. SUBORDINATE BODIES

The student body shall be served by four bodies: the Associated Student Body Student Council, the Representative Assembly, the Constitution Interpretation Committee, and the Inter-Organization Council, with ultimate authority resting in the hands of the Principal of Washington High School.

Section B. ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY STUDENT COUNCIL

The Associated Student Body Student Council, henceforth in this Constitution and its Bylaws referred to as Student Council, shall act as the executive authority to carry out policies and decisions that affect the ASB.

Section C. REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Representative Assembly shall originate legislation to be executed by the Student Council, as well as serve as body through which information may be passed to and/or from the ASB or Student Council.

Section D. CONSTITUTION INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE

The Constitution Interpretation Committee shall be those students selected to serve as a committee to hear cases of the constitutionality of acts performed by either the Student Council or the Representative Assembly.

Section E. INTER-ORGANIZATION COUNCIL

The Inter-Organization Council shall serve as the body through which information is passed about requirements on being an organization at Washington High School. It will also serve as a body through which organizations may ask questions of the Student Council.

Article IV

***Section A.* STUDENT COUNCIL**

The elected Student Council officers shall be composed of the four elected ASB Officers, the three elected Class Officers from each of the four classes, the Commission Chairs, and the Commission Assistants.

***Section B.* ASB OFFICERS**

The elected ASB Officers shall consist of, in order of succession:

- (1) ASB President
- (2) ASB Vice-President
- (3) ASB Secretary
- (4) ASB Treasurer

***Section C.* CLASS OFFICERS**

The elected Class Officers shall consist of, in order of succession:

- (1) Class President
- (2) Class Vice-President
- (3) Class Treasurer

***Section D.* COMMISSIONS**

The Commissions that shall have Chairs, appointed as outlined in the Bylaws, are:

- (1) Elections Commission
- (2) Rally Commission
- (3) Events Commission
- (4) Inter-Organization Commission
- (5) Public Relations Commission
- (6) Technology Commission
- (7) Fundraising Commission

(8) Soda Commission

Section E. ASSISTANTS

Each Commission Chair shall have one or two assistants, appointed as outlined in the Bylaws.

Section F. FRESHMAN INTERNS

The Student Council shall also have two freshman interns, selected as outlined in the Bylaws.

Section G. ELECTIONS

All duties, eligibility requirements, and other criteria for Student Council members may be found in the Bylaws, along with information on the election and appointment processes.

Article V

Section A. MEETINGS

The Student Council shall have a mandatory meeting at least once per week school is in session, unless special arrangements are made with the Student Activities Director and are appropriately publicized.

Section B. CHAIRMAN

The ASB President shall preside over all meetings of the Student Council, and in cases of absence, the position of Chairman shall be succeeded by the highest-ranking Council member present.

Section C. VOTING

In cases of voting, all ASB Officers, Class Officers, and Commission Chairs shall have a vote, excepting the Chairman who shall only vote in the case of a tie.

Section D. QUORUM

The necessary quorum to have a vote is half of the voting members, plus one. As this Constitution is written, it takes thirteen voting members, including the Chairman, to move the previous question.

Section E. AGENDA

The agenda for the Student Council meeting shall be posted at least two school-days before the date of the meeting. There shall also be on this agenda a time allotted where any member of the ASB may bring an item of concern to the Student Council's attention.

Section F. MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting must be filed and posted no later than three school days following the Student Council meeting.

Article VI

***Section A.* REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**

The Representative Assembly shall consist of an elected official from each third period class, who does not serve on the Student Council. They shall have the legislative power of Washington High School.

***Section B.* OFFICERS**

The Representative Assembly shall be presided over by the ASB Vice-President. They shall, in their first meeting, also elect a President Pro Tempore and a Secretary. Their duties, eligibility requirements, and other criteria may be found in the Bylaws.

***Section C.* MEETINGS**

The Representative Assembly shall meet once a month. Additional meetings may be called by the ASB Vice-President as needed, or by a two-thirds vote of the Representative Assembly, pending approval from the Student Activities Director.

Article VII

***Section A.* CONSTITUTION INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE**

The Constitution Interpretation Committee shall consist of three Student Council members, one Representative Assembly member, and three students who do not serve on either body.

***Section B.* SELECTION PROCESS**

The selection process for these seven individuals may be found in the Bylaws.

***Section C.* MEETINGS**

The Constitution Interpretation Committee shall only meet when there is a case that calls to question the constitutionality of acts performed by either the Student Council or the Representative Assembly.

Article VIII

***Section A.* INTER-ORGANIZATION COUNCIL**

The Inter-Organization Council shall be made up of a representative from each recognized organization on the Washington High School campus.

***Section B.* CLUB REPRESENTATIVES**

Representatives from clubs shall be the President of said club, or in the case of the President's absence, the club's Vice-President.

Section C. SPORT REPRESENTATIVES

Representatives from sports shall be the democratically selected Captain of said sport. A Captain is required for Varsity, Junior Varsity, and, where applicable, Frosh level sports. In the case of the Captain's absence or non-existence, any representative from the sport will satisfy the requirement. Sports must send representatives even when not in season.

Section D. MEETINGS

The Inter-Organization Council shall meet once a month. More meetings may be called by the Inter-Organization Commission Chair as needed, or in cases of emergency the Student Activities Director.

Article IX

Section A. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

The process for removing an elected or appointed official from their office is outlined in the Bylaws.

Article X

Section A. INITIATIVE

Any student may initiate action in the Student Council or the Representative Assembly by presenting said proposal in writing, along with a petition signed by ten percent of the ASB to the ASB Vice- President. Upon receiving this proposal, the body to which it was presented must discuss and act on it within two weeks.

Article XI

Section A. REFERENDUM

If the Student Council is presented with a petition signed by ten percent of the student body calling for the referendum of any action taken by the Student Council or the Representative Assembly, the Student Council must call a special general election within two weeks by secret ballot to decide on the referendum presented by the petition. A majority vote of the voting ASB would be necessary to remove or approve a referendum action taken by the Student Council or Representative Assembly.

Article XII

Section A. BYLAWS

All Student Council, Representative Assembly, and Constitution Interpretation Committee job

descriptions, procedures, functions, qualifications, policies, etc. not found in this Constitution may be found in the Bylaws of Washington High School.

Article XIII

***Section A.* AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended in the following ways, subject to the approval of the administration of Washington High School:

- (1) A majority vote of the Student Council after the amendment's first reading, followed by a two-thirds vote after the amendment's second reading.
- (2) A majority vote of the ASB in a special election.

FIRST READING APPROVED BY STUDENT COUNCIL ON:

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER AND TITLE:

ADMINISTRATOR SIGNATURE AND TITLE:

SECOND READING APPROVED BY STUDENT COUNCIL ON:

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER AND TITLE:

DATE OF FINAL INSTALLATION:

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