### ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF BOISE STATE COLLEGE

#### CONSTITUTION

## PREAMBLE

We the students of Boise State College, in order to form a more perfect government, to provide activities, create harmony, and secure the blessings of opportunity, do establish this Constitution of the Associated Students of Boise State College.

# ARTICLE I STRUCTURE

- Section 1. The powers of this association are derived from the Idaho State Board of Education.
- Section 2. Membership. All registered full-time students upon payment of the student body fee shall be members of this association.
- Section 3. The powers of student government are divided among the legislative, executive, and judicial branches and such other branches as established by the Senate.

## ARTICLE II EXECUTIVE

- Section 1. Members. The executive powers shall be vested in the Executive Cabinet which shall be composed of the <u>President</u>, the <u>Vice-President</u>, the <u>Treasurer</u>, the <u>Secretary</u>, the <u>Social Director</u>, the <u>Public Relations Director</u>, and such other members as determined by the Senate.
- Section 2. Election and Term. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Social Director shall be elected six weeks before the end of the spring semester and shall be inaugurated at the last Senate meeting of the spring semester. The Public Relations Director shall be appointed by the President. Their term of office shall be for one year.

Section 3. The Duties of the President.

- a. To officially represent the student body.
- b. To make such appointments as are provided for and to fill by appointment such vacancies as may occur in student government not otherwise provided for.
- c. To call and preside over the Executive Cabinet or student body meetings and to call special meetings of the Senate.
  - d. To veto, as he sees fit, any proposal adopted by the Senate.
  - e. To establish executive committees.
  - f. To serve as ex-officio member of all association committees.
  - g. To perform necessary duties not otherwise provided for.
  - h. To serve on the Student Conduct Board.
  - i. To preside over the Senate in the absence of the Vice-President.

- Section 4. The Duties of the Vice President.
- a. To preside over Senate meetings.
- b. To succeed to the office of President in the event that it becomes vacant.
- c. To serve on certain boards and committees including the Elections Board.
- d. To serve on the Student Conduct Board.
- e. To perform necessary duties as directed by the President.

Section 5. The Duties of the Treasurer.

- a. To prepare the ASB budget and present it for Senate approval.
- b. To maintain records of and be responsible for ASB financial matters.
- c. To serve as chairman of the Financial Board which is composed of funded organizations.
- d. To publish a financial report covering his term of office in the student paper immediately prior to termination of his duties.
  - e. To serve on the Student Conduct Board,

Section 6. Duties of the Secretary.

- a. To record the minutes of the Senate and present them to the student newspaper.
- b. To notify the Dean of Student Personnel Services of changes in the status of campus organizations.
  - c. To perform necessary clerical duties.
  - d. To serve on the Student Conduct Board.

Section 7. Duties of the Social Director

- a. To prepare an activities calendar for the ensueing year.
- b. To preside over meetings of the Social Committee.
- c. To be responsible for social activities for the ASBSC.
- d. To appoint a Homecoming Committee Chairman who shall be responsible for Homecoming activities.

Section 8. Duties of the Public Relations Director.

- a. To maintain announcements on the BSC Marquee.
- b. To maintain relations with news media and the public and report on BSC activities.
  - c. To serve as chairman of the Public Relations Board.

Section 9. Executive Cabinet. The Cabinet, having executive and advisory power only, shall meet weekly during the school year to coordinate activities of the student government and to recommend, review, or implement legislation.

#### ARTICLE III LEGISLATIVE

Section 1. Members. All legislative power shall be vested in the student Senate. The Senate shall be composed of the members of the Executive Cabinet, one president from each class, twelve (12) Senators from the various schools and the Dean of Student Personnel Services or his representative. Each member shall have one vote except the President, the Vice-President, who shall vote only in the case of a tie, and the Dean of Student Personnel Services, who shall serve as an advisor and college administration representative.

Section 2. Election and Term. The class presidents and school Senators shall be elected in the fall semester by Friday of the third week of class. Their term of office shall be for one year. The twelve (12) school Senators shall be elected in direct proportion to the enrollment in each school of the college.

Section 3. The Duties of the Senate.

- a. To initiate and approve by majority vote all by-laws or student regulations. After approval the proposal shall be reviewed by the ASB President and approved or vetoed within ten days. The veto of the ASB President may be over-ruled by a two-thirds vote of all members of the Senate.
- b. To approve by two-thirds vote of all members the proposed ASBSC budget and establish student officers fees and salaries.
- c. To establish necessary committees and boards including the Student Union Board and the Student-Faculty Relations Committee
- d. To approve or remove by two-thirds vote of all members any Presidential appointee.
- e. To impeach, for good cause, any officer of the ASB by two-thirds vote of all members. In such cases, the ASB justices shall preside over the Senate.
- f. To determine the recognition of campus organizations in accordance with by-laws and policies. Any organization composed of college students which used the name or facilities of the college is a campus organization and is subject to regulation by the Associated Students.
- g. To hear and take appropriate action on proposals made by students-atlarge.
  - h. To perform other necessary legislative functions.

Section 4. Meeting, Rules and Absences. The Senate shall meet weekly during the regular school year. A majority of all voting members shall constitute a quorum. The Senate shall operate according to Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise provided for. If a Senate member is absent during his term from three regular meetings, without a reason acceptable to two-thirds of all members, the position shall be declared vacant and then filled by appointment.

## ARTICLE IV JUDICIAL

Section 1. Members. The judicial power shall be vested in the Student Court and other judicial bodies. The Student Court shall be subordinate to the Student Conduct Board and shall be superior to all other student tribunals, councils, or regulatory boards. Five student justices, one of whom shall be disignated Chief Justice, shall be appointed by the ASB President. One non-voting faculty or administration member, serving as procedural advisor, shall be appointed by the President of the College.

Section 2. Term. The normal term of office of the student justices shall be for two years.  $\, \bullet \,$ 

Section 3. Duties of the justices.

- a. To convene and preside over Student Court.
- b. To hear and take appropriate action on all appeals from student judicial or regulatory bodies and on all cases arising under this constitution, by-laws and regulations established by the Senate. Only the college administration shall have the power to expel students after due process.
  - c. To establish and record its procedures in the Judicial Code.
  - d. To have final authority for interpreting the Constitution and by-laws.
  - e. To give, upon request, advisory opinion on matters of a judicial nature.
  - f. To preside over impeachment proceedings in the Senate.
  - g. To serve on boards and committees of a judicial nature.
  - h. To annually reapportion the school Senators among the schools.
- i. To adequately record the history, decision, and disposition of each case and maintain a file for such records.
- j. To have final authority on all disputes arising from elections conducted under ASB authority.

Section 4. Appeals Appropriate college administrators reserve the right to have original jurisdiction by accepting cases presented directly to them. They shall have appellate jurisdiction from the Student Court.

## ARTICLE V QUALIFICATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Eligibility. To be eligibile for any office in this association a student must meet the qualifications for that office as defined by the Elections Board. These qualifications include that an applicant for any student office shall have a minimum 2.00 cumulative grade point average preceding the time of application and must maintain a 2.00 grade point average during his term of office. In addition, candidates for election to office under this constitution shall have the following qualifications:

- a. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Social Director shall each be registered students having at least 48 credit hours at the time of candidacy and shall have attended this college for at least one semester within the four previous calendar years from the time of candidacy.
- b. The Treasurer must be a business major with at least two semesters of accounting completed by the end of the semester in which he is elected.
- c. Class Presidents or school Senators shall have the official standing of their respective classes or schools and be registered as full-time students.
- d. Freshmen chadidates must have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average or equivalent from high school.

Section 2. Elections The Elections Board shall administer all elections of this association. Their decisions may be subject to the review of the Student Court. Election rules shall include the following:

- a. The time of election shall be at those times previously defined herein.
- b. The Australian Ballot System shall be used in all elections of this association.
- c. Those voting for class Presidents shall vote only within their respective classes.

- d. Those voting for school Senators shall vote only within the school in which they are enrolled with the exception of education majors who may vote either in the School of Education or in the school of their respective majors.
- Section 3. Oath of Office. The following oath of office shall be used in the swearing in of officers, administered by the ASBSC President: "I do solemnly affirm that as (office held) of the Associated Students of Boise State College, I will faithfully and to the best of my ability perform all the duties of my office and promote the best interests of the students of Boise State College."

# ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. General. Amendments may be proposed by a majority vote of the Senate or by a petition with a minimum of 25 students' signatures presented to any meeting of the Senate.
- Section 2. Approval. Amendments to this constitution must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the Senate and a majority vote of approval by students casting ballots.

## ARTICLE VII RATIFICATION

- Section 1. Ratification and Supremacy. A majority vote of the students' ballots cast shall be sufficient to establish this document as the constitution of the Associated Students of Boise State College. Upon ratification and under the authority of the President of Boise State College, this constitution shall be the supreme governing document of the Associated Students.
- Section 2. Impotency of Previous Constitutions. Upon ratification of this constitution, all previous constitutions of this association shall be null and void except that those officers elected under the previous constitution shall serve the remainder of their terms of office.