

Associated Students of Northwest University Constitution

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Preamble

We, the Associated Students of Northwest University, are committed to listening to student concerns, advocating for student needs, and bringing positive changes to Northwest University. The associated student body establishes this constitution by the authority vested in us by the Northwest University Office of Student Development, the University President, and the University Board of Directors.

Article I: Organization

The collective group of elected and selected representatives shall be known as the Associated Students of Northwest University (ASNU). The student body they represent shall be comprised of all currently enrolled students who have paid their Student Services Fee. ASNU shall consist of Executive Officers and two main bodies: the ASNU Student Senate which will serve as an official representation of student voice, and ASNU Student Leadership Council which will serve as an advisory board for the ASNU President and Dean of Student Development. ASNU shall be advised by the Director of Community Life and Dean of Student Development.

Section 1: Executive Offices

The Executive Offices of ASNU function as the leadership of ASNU, ensuring the proper functioning of all of its parts without belonging specifically to either the Student Senate or Student Leadership Council. Executive Officers are elected by the student body and shall be comprised of the ASNU President, ASNU Vice President, and ASNU Chief of Staff. The ASNU President, synonymously referred to as the Student Body President, is responsible for representing the student body to administrators, participating in Student Senate meetings, and chairing meetings of the Student Leadership Council. The ASNU Vice President is responsible for leading and overseeing the proper functioning of the Student Senate. The ASNU Chief of Staff is responsible for overseeing matters relating to the record keeping and financial aspects of ASNU, as well as club development. Executive Officers must demonstrate a strong commitment to the Christian faith and values of Northwest University and be in good standing with Student Development, Campus Ministries and the Office of the Provost. Further qualifications, duties and responsibilities can be found detailed in Article 1, Section 1-2 of the ASNU Executive Officers By-Laws.

Section 2: Student Senate

The Student Senate is responsible for representing students through the allocations of funds and the endorsement of proposals concerning positive change on campus. Student Senators shall be elected by their respective constituencies. Senators must demonstrate a strong commitment to the Christian faith and values of Northwest University and be in good standing with Student Development, Campus Ministries and the Office of the Provost. Further qualifications, duties and responsibilities can be found detailed in Article 1, Section 1-2 of the ASNU Student Senate By-Laws.

Section 3: Student Leadership Council

The Student Leadership Council shall be responsible for representing different student leadership groups on campus and fostering communication between student leaders. Student Leadership Council members shall consist of ex officio members and selected student leader representatives. They must demonstrate a strong commitment to the Christian faith and values of Northwest University and be in good standing with Student Development, Campus Ministries and the Office of the Provost. Further qualifications, duties and responsibilities can be found detailed in Article 2, Section 1 of the Student Leadership Council By-Laws.

Article II: Student Services Fee

The Student Services Fee is a fee collected from traditional undergraduate and Center for English Learning Education (CELE) students. The fee is allocated to a variety of departments concerned with student engagement. Allocations are overseen by the Dean of Student Development and the Director of Community Life. ASNU may review the allocation of the Student Services Fee. The Student Senate may create an official proposal to be submitted to the Office of Student Development for consideration in the following year's budget. Student Service Fee allotment information is made available to traditional undergraduate and Center for English Learning Education (CELE) students each year.

Article III: Ratification and Revision

Section 1: Amendments to the Constitution

Any ASNU member may propose an amendment to the Constitution. Proposed amendments require a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Senate. Proposed amendments which receive the approval of the Student Senate shall be presented to the associated student body. After one academic week of consideration, a vote shall be called. The vote must reach a quorum of twenty percent of the entire associated student body and requires two-thirds majority to pass. Upon approval by the associated student body, the amendment shall immediately be incorporated into the Constitution unless otherwise stated in the amendment proposal. The only time the Student Senate may amend the Constitution without the approval of the associated student body is to amend references to the By-Laws within the Constitution.

Section 2: Amendments to the By-Laws

Subsection A: Executive Offices By-Laws

Any ASNU member may propose an amendment to the Executive Offices By-Laws. Proposed amendments require a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Senate. If approved by the Student Senate, the proposed amendment will be given to the Student Leadership Council which will take one of the following courses of action at its next meeting:

1. Approve the amendment. The amendment shall be immediately incorporated into the Executive Offices By-Laws unless otherwise stated in the amendment proposal.
2. Deny the amendment and refer it back to the Student Senate for proposal improvement. The Student Senate may modify the amendment and begin the amendment process again.

Subsection B: Student Senate By-Laws

Any Executive Officer or Student Senator may propose an amendment to the Student Senate By-Laws. Proposed amendments require a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Senate. If approved by the Senate, the proposed amendment will be given to the Student Body President who will take one of the following courses of action on the proposal within an academic week:

1. Approve the amendment. The amendment shall be given to the Director of Community Life who will take one of the following courses of action:
 - a. Approve the amendment. The amendment shall be immediately incorporated into the By-Laws unless otherwise stated in the amendment proposal.
 - b. Deny the amendment and refer it back to the Student Senate for proposal improvement. The Student Senate may modify the amendment and begin the amendment process again.

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Subsection C: Student Leadership Council By-Laws

Revisions to the Student Leadership Council By-Laws may be made at the discretion of the Executive Officers and Student Development.

Article IV: By-Laws

Further clarification and procedures can be found in the ASNU By-Laws: Student Leadership Council By-Laws, Executive Offices By-Laws, and Student Senate By-Laws.