

Associated Students of Northwest University Constitution



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.

ASNU Constitution

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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 ASNU Senate, which will be

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an official representation of student voice. ASNU shall be advised by the Community Life Director and Dean of Student Development. Further clarification and procedures can be found in the ASNU By-Laws: Executive Offices By-Laws and Senate By-Laws.

Section 1: ASNU Executive Offices

The ASNU Executive Offices function as the leadership of ASNU, ensuring the proper functioning of all its parts. Executive Officers are elected by the student body and shall be comprised of the ASNU President and ASNU Vice President. The ASNU President, synonymously referred to as the Student Body President, is responsible for representing the student body to administrators and leading ASNU Senate meetings. Further qualifications, duties and responsibilities can be found detailed in Article 1, Section 12 of the ASNU Executive Offices By-Laws.

Section 2: ASNU Senate

The ASNU Senate is responsible for representing students through the allocations of funds and the endorsement of proposals concerning positive change on campus. 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 Senate 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 Community Life Director. ASNU may review the allocation of the Student Services Fee. ASNU 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 ASNU Senate. Proposed amendments which receive the two-thirds majority approval of ASNU 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

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associated student body, the amendment shall immediately be incorporated into the Constitution unless otherwise stated in the amendment proposal. The only time ASNU 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: ASNU Executive Offices By-Laws

Any Executive Officer or Senator may propose an amendment to the ASNU Executive Offices By-Laws. Proposed amendments require a two-thirds majority vote of the ASNU Senate. If approved by ASNU Senate, the proposed amendment will be given to the ASNU Executive officers, the Community Life Director, and the Dean of Students, who will take one of the following courses of action:

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

Subsection B: ASNU Senate By-Laws

Any Executive Officer or Senator may propose an amendment to the ASNU Senate By-Laws.

Proposed amendments require a two-thirds majority vote of ASNU Senate. If approved by ASNU Senate, the proposed amendment will be given to the Executive Officers, who will take one of the following courses of action:

1. Approve the amendment. The amendment shall be given to the Community Life Director 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 ASNU Senate for proposal improvement. ASNU Senate may modify the amendment and begin the amendment process again.
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