

CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY TEMPE CAMPUS

TITLE I  
THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY TEMPE  
CAMPUS

Preamble

We, the students of Arizona State University at the Tempe Campus, in order to provide a representative student government, hereby form the Associated Students of Arizona State University, and establish this Constitution. ASASU exists to represent, advocate, on behalf of the student body, support university administration and local, state, and national governing bodies. ASASU is mandated to provide a unified forum for inter-university dialogue, to organize student involvement, and to administer services, resources, and programs that benefit the greater student population.

Having been created and approved by the students of Arizona State University at the Tempe Campus this document hereby establishes the ASASU as the recognized governing body of students at the Arizona State University Tempe Campus.

Article 1 - Establishment

The Associated Students of Arizona State University is hereby established under this Constitution and shall consist of the following independent governing organizations: the Undergraduate Student Government (USG), and the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA).

Article 2 - Membership

Membership shall be defined as students enrolled in at least one (1) credit hour through the Tempe Campus of Arizona State University:

Section 1.     USG

All registered undergraduate students and only such persons shall be members of the USG. All members are entitled to vote, to hold office in the USG if qualifications for candidacy are met, and to exercise the various rights of membership.

## Section 2. GPSA

All registered post-baccalaureate students with graduate, professional or non-degree seeking status and only such persons shall be members of the GPSA. All members are entitled to vote, to hold office in the GPSA, if qualifications for candidacy are met, and to exercise the various rights of membership.

### Article 3 - Rights of Membership

All students who meet the above definition of membership shall be guaranteed the following rights which shall be further delineated within the Bylaws of each independent governing organization:

- A. The right to petition ASASU to address issues of concern
- B. The right to representation and advocacy
- C. The right to active engagement
- D. The right to open ASASU meetings, documents, and procedures

## Title II

### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

#### Article 1 – Purpose of Undergraduate Student Government

The Undergraduate Student Government (USG) of the Associated Students of Arizona State University Tempe Campus will provide advocacy, services and representation both for and on behalf of the undergraduate student body of Arizona State University Tempe Campus. USG shall advocate on behalf of its constituents to all entities pertinent to the undergraduate interest on Tempe Campus. USG shall provide services to its constituents to both enhance the undergraduate experience and provide adequate outreach to all members of the undergraduate community. USG shall provide a forum for the representation and discussion of all opinions and views held by the undergraduate student body.

#### Article 2 – Executive Office

The Executive Officers of the USG shall be defined as a President, Vice President of Services, and Vice President of Policy. The USG Executive Officers shall be supported by a Chief-of-Staff.

### Section 1. Office of the President

The USG President shall be the voice for USG overseeing both the Vice Presidents of Services and Policy.

### Section 2. Office of the Vice President of Services

The USG Vice President of Services shall oversee those USG operations pertaining to USG services and programs.

Section 3. Office of the Vice President of Policy

The USG Vice President of Policy shall oversee those USG offices that set policy for the university, students, and community.

Section 3. Chief-of-Staff

The USG Chief-of-Staff shall aid and support the USG Executives in their roles. A Chief-of-Staff shall be appointed only at the discretion of the President.

Section 4. Academic Standing

Executive Officers must be registered undergraduate students and be in good academic standing according to Arizona State University policy.

Section 5. Term of Office

The Executive Officers shall take office beginning at noon on the Monday following the May graduation ceremony and shall serve for one year.

Section 6. Recall of Officers

- A. Petition - A petition for recall of any Executive Officer shall require the signatures and student identification number of at least fifty percent (50%) of the total number of ballots cast for that office in the general election. The Registrar must certify the names, graduate status, and student identification numbers of these petitioners.
- B. Recall Elections – It shall be the duty of the Elections Department to hold a special election upon notice by the Assembly president that a certified petition for recall has been received.
- C. Recall – A recall election is valid only if the number of total votes cast in that election is equal to at least three quarters of the number of votes cast at the general election for the office in question. If the recall measure receives a majority vote, the Officer shall be officially recalled. The vacancy thus created shall be filled immediately as provided in Article 7 of this Title.
- D. Appointed Executive Officers – Petitioning shall occur in accordance with Section 6, Subsection A of this Article. Recall requires that at least three-fourths of the number of ballots cast for the President in the general election must be cast in the recall election. If the recall measure receives a majority vote, the Officer shall be officially recalled. The vacancy thus

created shall be filled immediately as provided in Section 3 of this Article.

### Article 3 - Legislative Branch

#### Section 1. Power and Duties

- A. The Legislative and Fiscal power of the USG shall be vested in the Senate subject to a veto by the USG President, which may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- B. To conduct hearings for and approve the annual USG budget subject to the line item veto by the USG President, which may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- C. To adopt Bylaws for the USG and to make revisions to them.
- D. To adopt Rules of the Senate and to make revisions to them.
- E. To assume whatever additional responsibilities it deems necessary to fulfill its obligation to students.

#### Section 2. Membership

- A. The voting membership of the Senate shall consist of a proportional number of Senators from each Degree-awarding College housed primarily at the Tempe Campus. Proportionality shall be established under Subsection B of this Section.
  - 1. Senators shall be elected in a direct election, college wide, to be held no later than April 30, and serve a term of one year.
  - 2. No Senator shall simultaneously hold an Executive Office.
  - 3. A Senator may be removed from the Senate by a majority vote in a Recall Election of the College for which he/she holds office or by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Senate.
- B. The number of Senators representing each College shall be no less than two but no more than four. The number of Senators representing each College shall equal:
  - 1. One Senator; plus,
  - 2. Additional Senators determined by the number of undergraduate students enrolled in that College, based upon the annual Arizona State University official census count of college enrollment.

- a. 1 – 3,000 students: One Senator.
  - b. 3,001 – 6,000 students: Two Senators.
  - c. 6001 or more students: Three Senators.
- C. College Councils may appoint Senators to its vacant Senate seats. If a College Council fails to fill a Senate vacancy within four weeks of the office being vacant, the President of the Senate may, by appointment, fill a vacancy with a student from the appropriate college of which the seat is vacant, subject to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate members present and voting.
- D. The non-voting members of the Senate shall consist of a representative from the University's Academic Senate to be selected by the Academic Senate in a manner of its choosing, the Association Coordinator, the USG President, the Senate Secretary, the Parliamentarian, a representative from GPSA, and a member from the Residence Hall Association (RHA) chosen by the Director of RHA and any other individual deemed appropriate.

Section 3. Meetings

- A. The Senate shall convene at least twice per month during the academic year at a publicly announced time and place.
- B. Special sessions may be called either by the President, President of the Senate or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

Section 4. Presiding Officer

- A. The President of the Senate shall be elected from the voting Senate membership at the first meeting of each Legislative Session that will be held immediately following the last session of the final Legislative Session. The preceding senate shall recommend a candidate for the Senate President at the final Legislative Session.
- B. The Senate President shall serve as President for the current Legislative Session, subject to the following limitations:
  - 1. The President of the Senate shall be a Senator who has served at least one full academic semester in office prior to the current Legislative Session, unless no Senator or only one Senator meets this requirement.
  - 2. No Senator shall be elected President of the Senate without receiving a majority of votes from the Senators present and voting.

3. The President of the Senate may be removed by a 3/4 vote of the Senate in a manner determined by the Bylaws.
- C. The President of the Senate shall preside over Senate meetings. The President of the Senate shall select a President Pro Tempore to preside in the absence of the President of the Senate.
- D. Any vacancy in the Office of President of the Senate shall be filled according to Subsection A of this Section.

Section 5. Procedure

- A. The Senate shall have the power to determine its rules and procedures, to establish committees and to discipline its members.
- B. The President of the Senate will consult with the Parliamentarian as necessary and appropriate on parliamentary questions.
- C. When Robert's Rules of Order and the Bylaws conflict, the Bylaws take precedence.
- D. Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, will be the parliamentary resource of the Senate and its subsidiary bodies.

Section 6. Academic Standing

- A. No undergraduate member of the USG shall serve as a Senator who is not registered for at least one (1) semester hours of academic credit at Arizona State University Tempe Campus in the current regular semester and who is not in academic good standing as defined by the University for that student's program of study.

Article 4 – College Council Enactment

Students in each college, school and degree-awarding program reserve the right to establish a college council to further the effectiveness of USG and to provide adequate representation on the College level.

Article 5 – Initiatives and Referenda

Section 1. Referenda

The USG Senate may refer any proposal to an undergraduate vote. An affirmative majority of those voting is required for passage of a referendum.

## Section 2. Initiatives

Any member of the USG may petition for an initiative to be placed before the undergraduate student body in either a special election or as part of the regular election cycle.

- A. Such a petition must be signed by no less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total voter turn-out for the first election of the previous Spring Semester.
- B. Such a petition shall be presented to the ASASU Elections Department for the purpose of placing the initiative before a student vote. The Elections Department must receive the petition in question no less than four (4) weeks in advance of a previously scheduled election or no less than four (4) weeks in advance of the end of a semester in which there is no regularly scheduled election. Such a petition may define whether the initiative shall be placed before the undergraduate student body during the Fall or Spring Semester, assuming above deadlines are met.
- C. An affirmative majority of those voting is required for passage of a referendum.

## Article 6 – Collaboration, Checks and Balances

### Section 1. Veto Authority

- A. The USG President shall have veto authority over all legislation of the undergraduate students government.
- B. The USG Senate may override a veto of the USG President with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

## Article 7 – Succession and Impeachment

### Section 1. Succession

- A. Shall the USG President's office become vacant for any cause, the USG Vice President of Policy shall become the USG President. The new USG President shall appoint a USG Vice President of Policy to be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the USG Senate.
- B. Shall a Vice President's office become vacant for any cause, the USG President shall appoint a new USG Vice President to be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the USG Senate.

### Section 2. Impeachment

The USG Senate shall retain the authority to impeach any elected or appointed official within the USG pending a Senate hearing.

- A. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the USG Senate shall be required to bring charges of impeachment against any USG officer.
- B. A three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the USG Senate shall be required to remove any USG Officer on grounds of impeachment.

## Article 8- Bylaws

### Section 1. Bylaws

The USG Senate shall retain the authority to establish bylaws to further define the powers and scope of the USG, permitting that such bylaws do not contradict the statutes of this Constitution.

## TITLE III GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

### Article 1 - Preamble

The Graduate and Professional Student Association is the graduate student government at Arizona State University. As the graduate student government it shall represent graduate and professional student interests for the public, the ABOR and the University Administration. The GPSA strives to provide programming, support, and advocacy for the graduate and professional community at Arizona State University.

### Article 2 - Executive Branch

#### Section 1. Executive Committee of the GPSA

- A. The executive officers of the GPSA shall be a President, Vice President of External Affairs, Vice President of Internal Affairs, and a Vice President of Professional Programs. The Executive Officers shall exercise the executive functions of the GPSA. Duties of said Officers shall be set forth in this Constitution and in the Bylaws.
- B. The President and Vice Presidents shall be elected by the general membership as defined in Title I, Article 2, Section 2.
- C. The President of GPSA and the President of the Assembly shall not be of the same Graduate or Professional Program.
- D. The members of the Executive Committee shall consist of the executive officers of the GPSA as voting members. Also, the Assembly President and the chairs of the standing GPSA Assembly committees serve as ex officio members.



## Section 2. Term of Office

The Executive Officers shall take office beginning at noon on the Monday following the May graduation ceremony and shall serve for one year.

## Section 3. Succession

- A. In the event the President resigns or is removed from office the President shall be succeeded by the (1) Vice President of Internal Affairs, (2) the President of the Graduate Assembly, (3) the Vice President of External Affairs, and (4) the Vice President of Professional Programs. An officer may decline to assume the duties of the Presidency and continue in her/his elected position.
- B. If the office of a Vice President becomes vacant, the GPSA President shall call for and consider applications, and must appoint to the office a member of the GPSA who is eligible for the position, the VP will assume office immediately upon a 2/3 confirmation vote by the assembly.
- C. In the event all positions become vacant, the Assembly shall appoint interim officers until a special election can be held.
- D. In the event that the Presidency is vacant because no executive officer is willing to succeed to the office, the Assembly shall appoint an interim President until a special election can be held.

## Section 4. Responsibilities of the Executive Branch

The Executive Branch shall exercise all responsibilities of their office as laid out in this Constitution and all duties defined in the Bylaws, including but not limited to serving as the Graduate and Professional student voice, administering programs and informing the GPSA Assembly about all activities, disbursing funds of the GPSA according to applicable GPSA and University policies, and creating committees, in conformance with Assembly direction and consultation. The Executive Branch shall promote communication and collaboration between graduate and professional students on all Arizona State University campuses.

## Section 5. Scope and Purpose

The Assembly may enact Bylaws that establish and define the purpose, scope and powers of any Executive Office consistent with this Constitution.

## Section 6. Recall of Officers

- A. Petition - A petition for recall of any Executive Officer shall require the signatures and student identification number of at least ten percent (10%) of the current membership of the GPSA. The Registrar must certify the

names, graduate status, and student identification numbers of these petitioners.

- B. Recall Elections – It shall be the duty of the Elections Department to hold a special election upon notice by the Assembly president that a certified petition for recall has been received.
- C. Recall – A recall election is valid only if the number of total votes cast in that election is equal to at least three quarters of the number of votes cast at the general election for the office in question. If the recall measure receives a majority vote, the Officer shall be officially recalled. The vacancy thus created shall be filled immediately as provided in Section 3 of this Article.
- D. Appointed Executive Officers – Petitioning shall occur in accordance with Section 6, Subsection A of this Article. Recall requires that at least three-fourths of the number of ballots cast for the President in the general election must be cast in the recall election. If the recall measure receives a majority vote, the Officer shall be officially recalled. The vacancy thus created shall be filled immediately as provided in Section 3 of this Article.

### Article 3 - The Legislative Branch - The Assembly

#### Section 1. Powers and Duties

- A. The legislative and fiscal power of the GPSA shall be vested in the Assembly subject to a veto by the GPSA President within seven (7) days, which may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly.
- B. Additionally, the powers and duties of the Assembly include the authority:
  - 1. To conduct hearings for and provide a majority vote for approval or revision of the annual GPSA budget subject to the line item veto by the GPSA President, which may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly.
  - 2. To adopt and revise the Bylaws for the GPSA by a majority vote of the Assembly.
  - 3. To adopt and revise Rules of the Assembly by a majority vote of the Assembly.
  - 4. To assume whatever additional responsibilities it deems necessary to fulfill its obligation to students under the Bylaws of the GPSA.

5. To provide a communication network between the students of each graduate and professional program, the executive officers of the Association, and the administration of the University.
6. To encourage participation and discussion by the students in the individual graduate and professional programs.
7. To undertake such business as it deems necessary to fulfill the purposes of the GPSA.
8. To review the actions of the Executive Committee.

Section 2.     Graduate Assembly Members

- A. The voting membership of the Assembly shall consist of a proportional number of Assembly Members from each discipline of graduate or professional program as further defined under the Bylaws of the GPSA.
- B. Assembly members shall be elected by GPSA members in their respective programs and serve a term of one year. These elections shall meet the requirements as set forth in the GPSA Bylaws.
- C. Assembly member shall serve the term as provided for in the GPSA Bylaws.
- D. No Assembly member shall simultaneously hold an Executive Office.
- E. An Assembly member may be removed from the Assembly by a majority vote of the students the member represents or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly.
- F. The non-voting members of the Assembly shall consist of a representative from: the Division of Graduate Studies, the Administrative Office in which ASASU is housed, the Academic Senate, and the Undergraduate Student Government.
- G. Former Executive Officers and committee chairs may be granted ex officio status in accordance with the Bylaws.
- H. Graduate Programs, as defined under the GPSA Bylaws, may appoint Assembly Members to its vacant Assembly seats. If a Graduate Program fails to fill an Assembly vacancy within four weeks of the office being vacant, the President of the Assembly may, by appointment, fill a vacancy with a graduate student from the appropriate graduate discipline of which the seat is vacant, subject to a two-thirds (2/3) confirmation vote of the Assembly members present and voting.

Section 3.     Meetings

- A. The Assembly shall convene at least once per month during the academic year at a publicly announced time and place.
- B. Special sessions may be called either by the President, President of the Assembly or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly.

Section 4. Presiding Officer

- A. The President of the Assembly shall be elected from the Assembly membership at the first meeting of each Legislative Session and serve as President for that Legislative Session, subject to the following limitations:
  - 1. No Assembly member shall be elected President of the Assembly without receiving a majority of votes from the Assembly members present and voting.
  - 2. The President of the Assembly may be removed by a 3/4 vote of the Assembly in a manner determined by the Bylaws.
- B. The President of the Assembly shall preside over Assembly meetings. The President of the Assembly shall select a President Pro Tem to preside in the absence of the President of the Assembly.
- C. Any vacancy in the Office of President of the Assembly shall be filled according to Subsection A of this Section.

Section 5. Procedure

- A. The Assembly shall have the power to determine its rules and procedures, to establish committees and to discipline its members.
- B. The President of the Assembly will consult with the Parliamentarian as necessary and appropriate on parliamentary questions.
- C. When Robert's Rules of Order and the Bylaws conflict, the Bylaws take precedence.
- D. Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, will be the parliamentary resource of the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies.

Article 4 - Amendments

Proposals to amend this Title shall originate by a vote of two-thirds of the current Assembly membership. The proposal shall be scheduled for a vote in the next general election or in a referenda vote of the GPSA membership. Detailed notice of the proposed amendment shall be made public during at least the week prior to the general election. If this proposal receives a majority of the votes cast by the GPSA members in this election, this Title shall be declared amended.

Article 5 - Bylaws

Bylaws shall be established to include the rules of the Assembly and the duties of the GPSA officers, Assembly members, Boards, and Committees.

## Article 6 - Academic Standing

Executive Officers or members of the Assembly may serve only if registered for at least one (1) semester hour of graduate or professional academic credit at Arizona State University in the current regular semester and in academic good standing as defined by the University for that student's program of study.

## TITLE IV JUDICIARY

### Article 1 – Supreme Court Judiciary Structure

#### Section 1. Judicial Powers

The judicial powers of the ASASU shall be vested in the Supreme Court and any lower courts established by the USG or GPSA.

#### Section 2. Jurisdiction

- A. The Supreme Court and any lower courts shall have jurisdiction over all disputes arising under this Constitution or any Bylaws established pursuant to this Constitution. In addition, they shall have any other jurisdiction the USG Assembly or the GPSA Assembly may provide in their Bylaws.
- B. The decision of the Supreme Court on any disputes arising under the ASASU Constitution shall be final, except in the case of impeachment of a Supreme Court Justice.
- C. The Supreme Court shall retain original jurisdiction over disputes arising between USG, GPSA, or any other organizations or departments created by ASASU.
- D. The Supreme Court shall retain all jurisdiction not delineated by the USG or the GPSA to any lower court and appellate jurisdiction over all disputes.

#### Section 3. Composition

- A. The Supreme Court shall consist of five Justices.
- B. Selection of Justices
  - 1. Following ASASU elections, the sitting Vice President of USG shall nominate three Supreme Court Justices, and the sitting President of GPSA shall nominate two Supreme Court Justices. Application processing and deadlines shall be defined in each representative body's bylaws.
  - 2. USG nominations shall be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the sitting USG Senate and GPSA nominations shall be confirmed by a two-thirds

vote of the sitting GPSA Assembly. Confirmation shall occur no later than the final legislative sessions of USG and GPSA.

C. Conference Committee shall appoint a Supreme Court Clerk to perform all administrative duties outlined in Article 2, Section 3 of this Title.

1. Conference Committee will accept applications for the position of Supreme Court Clerk from the Arizona State University Tempe Campus student body.
2. A final appointment will be made by a two-thirds vote of the Conference Committee and the Clerk shall begin serving his or her term at noon on the Monday following the May commencement ceremony and shall serve for one year.

Section 4. Term

The Justices' terms begin at noon on the Monday following the May commencement ceremony and shall continue for one year.

Section 5. Impeachment

Any Supreme Court Justice may be impeached for malfeasance by a two-thirds vote of both the USG Senate and the GPSA Assembly.

Section 6. Removal

Following completion of impeachment procedures, any Supreme Court Justice may be removed by a three-fourths vote of both the USG Senate and GPSA Assembly.

Section 7. Replacement

In the event of a vacancy on the Supreme Court, a replacement shall be nominated by the President of the body that originally nominated the Justice for confirmation by the respective legislative body by two-thirds vote. Application processing and deadlines shall be defined in each representative body's bylaws.

Section 8. Standing

A case may be brought before the Supreme Court by any member of the USG or the GPSA.

Section 9. Decisions

Decisions and opinions shall be written, posted, and placed in a permanent file of the ASASU and remain publicly available for all ASASU students as administered by the Supreme Court Clerk.

Section 10.     Academic Standing

Only ASASU members in good academic standing, as defined by the University, shall serve on the Supreme Court.

Article 2 – Supreme Court Rules and Procedures

Section 1.     Judicial Code

- A.    Upon appointment, the Supreme Court Justices shall adopt a Judicial Code to govern the internal rules and procedures of the judiciary. This Code shall be recorded and made publicly available by the Supreme Court Clerk.
- B.    Deadlines for court filing and public filing of court cases shall be established by the Judicial Code.
- C.    The Judicial Code shall be reviewed and approved by a majority vote of the Conference Committee no later than the third regular meeting of the Fall semester.

Section 2.     Quorum

- A.    Quorum for the Supreme Court shall be defined as four sitting justices.
- B.    Quorum shall be required to hear cases and to issue decisions.

Section 3 .    Duties of the Court Clerk

- A.    The Court Clerk shall organize and maintain court files for the courts.
- B.    The Court Clerk is also responsible for getting evidence and court papers to each member of the judiciary for each case brought before the courts as appropriate.
- C.    The Court Clerk shall make pleadings and court decisions publicly available.
- D.    The Court Clerk may be removed following the request of the Supreme Court, subject to the approval of the Conference Committee

TITLE V  
ELECTIONS

Article 1 – Elections Department Structure

The Elections Department shall exercise independent authority over ASASU elections, referenda, and initiatives.

A. Selection of Elections Director:

1. The Conference Committee shall administer the selection process for the Elections Director.
2. The nomination shall be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Conference Committee. Upon confirmation, the individual shall assume the position of Elections Director.

B. Term of Elections Department:

1. The Elections Director shall be confirmed by the Conference Committee by October 1 and shall serve until the new Elections Director is confirmed by Conference Committee.
2. The Assistant Elections Director shall be confirmed by Conference Committee following his/her selection by the Elections Director. The Assistant Elections Director shall serve until the new Elections Director is confirmed by Conference Committee.

C. Duties of the Elections Department:

1. The Elections Director shall have the authority to hire an Assistant Director or Directors, subject to confirmation by two-thirds of the Conference Committee.
2. The Elections Director shall interpret and enforce the election and petition provisions developed and codified by USG and GPSA in their organizational Bylaws and in Titles II and III of this Constitution.
3. The Elections Department shall evaluate the mechanisms by which students may vote annually, and shall investigate the efficacy and potential usefulness of new voting technologies.
4. The Elections Department shall advertise and promote the candidacy and election process.
5. The Elections Department shall have the sole authority to administer USG and GPSA elections and referenda.



6. The Elections Department shall be bound by the duties defined in this Constitution and by any policies or procedures adopted by Conference Committee pursuant to this Constitution.
7. Following the end of the election process, the Elections Director shall present an official report to the Conference Committee detailing the successes and failures of the Department, any issues that arose with the election, voting methods and any other issues the Elections Director deems pertinent.

D. Removal of Elections Director:

1. The Elections Director may be removed from the position for willful neglect of duty, gross incompetence, gross negligence or for any fraudulent actions.
2. Allegations against the Elections Director shall be filed with the Supreme Court.
3. In the event the Supreme Court finds sufficient cause exists, it may remove the Elections Director.
4. In the event the Elections Director resigns or is removed from office, the Assistant Elections Director will automatically advance to the position of Elections Director and may then appoint a new Assistant Elections Director who shall be subject to confirmation by the Conference Committee.
5. In the event both the Elections Director and Assistant Elections Director(s) resign or are removed from office, a new Elections Director shall be appointed by a two-thirds vote of the Conference Committee and shall serve for the remainder of the term.

Article 2 – Election Procedures

Section 1. Election Procedures; USG

- A. Elections shall be held in the Spring semester for all executive and legislative offices established under Title II of this Constitution.
- B. Elections shall be by secret ballot.
- C. The USG Senate may enact Bylaws further defining the election process and providing for violations and disputes.

Section 2. Election Procedures; GPSA

- A. Elections shall be held in the Spring semester for all executive and legislative offices established under Title III of this Constitution.
- B. Elections shall be by secret ballot.
- C. The GPSA Assembly may enact Bylaws further defining the election process and providing for violations and disputes.

Section 3. Procedures for Joint Referenda

- A. Referenda that affect the entire membership of ASASU must be passed by Conference Committee before being presented in exactly the same form to the legislative bodies of USG and GPSA. If either legislative body proposes changes to the referendum, the referendum must be returned to Conference Committee for revision before being re-submitted to each legislative body. The referendum must then be approved by two-thirds of each legislative body to appear on the ballot.
- B. Any referendum that fails to garner two-thirds support in the legislative bodies of both USG and GPSA shall not appear on the ballot.

TITLE VI  
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 - Executive Coordination and Communication

Section 1: The Leadership Council

The Leadership Council shall promote communication and collaboration among the Executive Officers of ASASU and Administration of Arizona State University Tempe Campus.

- A. The ASASU shall maintain a Leadership Council on Arizona State University Tempe Campus. The Leadership Council will facilitate communication and support for the USG and the GPSA. The Leadership Council shall include executive officers of the USG and GPSA as stipulated in each respective body's Bylaws, as well as those ASU Administration and staff identified by both the Council and the Arizona State University Tempe Campus Administration.
- B. The Leadership Council shall not be vested with any legislative or financial power or authority.

C. The Leadership Council shall have administrative oversight and provide direction for administrative support and policies for ASASU.

D. The Leadership Council shall meet once a month.

## Article 2 – Legislative Coordination and Communication

### Section 1: Conference Committee

The Conference Committee for the ASASU shall facilitate and negotiate collaborative legislation and policy for USG and GPSA

#### A. Membership

1. The Conference Committee shall consist of twelve members, six from the USG Senate and six from the GPSA Assembly appointed in accordance with the Bylaws of the respective legislative bodies.
2. The twelve members shall be appointed at the first legislative session of the academic year.
3. The Conference Committee shall be jointly chaired by the USG Senate President and the GPSA Assembly President.

#### B. Powers and Responsibilities

1. The Conference Committee shall serve as a forum for communication between the legislative bodies of ASASU.
2. The Conference Committee shall identify and initiate joint legislation for the mutual benefit of the respective bodies.
3. The Conference Committee shall be responsible for the confirmation of the Elections Director and Assistant Elections Director of the ASASU
  - i. Confirmation of the Elections Director shall occur no later than October 1
4. The Conference Committee shall generate a yearly letter of review of the Constitution of the ASASU, to be submitted to the respective legislative bodies.
5. The legislative bodies of USG and GPSA may refer legislation to the Conference Committee for reconciliation.

#### C. Meetings

1. The first meeting will take place prior to the second regular GPSA legislative sessions.
2. Quorum for Conference Committee will be two-thirds of the committee membership from both USG and GPSA.
3. Each branch will require a consistent delegation that will be responsible for regular attendance for any and all Conference Committee meetings.
4. Conference Committee meetings are open to any member of the ASASU.

### Article 3—External Collaboration

In order to achieve greater coordination and collaboration with entities outside of the ASASU and Arizona State University Administration, the ASASU shall retain the right to enter into such agreements as it deems necessary to the fulfill its duties and responsibilities.

- A. Any standing agreements between the ASASU and entities outside of the Arizona State University Administration and Arizona State University Tempe Campus shall hereafter be referred to as “extra-campus agreements.”
- B. The executive members of USG and GPSA shall retain responsibility for the negotiation and establishment of all extra-campus agreements.
- C. All extra-campus agreements pertaining to the ASASU as a whole will be subject to amendment and ratification by both the USG and GPSA legislative bodies.
  1. The USG legislative body shall retain the exclusive right to amend and ratify all extra-campus agreements pertaining solely to the USG.
  2. The GPSA legislative body shall retain the exclusive right to amend and ratify all extra-campus agreements pertaining solely to the GPSA.
  3. Ratification shall require a simple majority (fifty percent plus one) within each respective legislative body.
  4. Ratification of extra-campus agreements shall adhere to established veto and veto override procedures.
- D. All extra-campus agreements shall include
  1. Full identification of those parties.

2. A clearly established term of expiration.
3. A clear and exhaustive detailing of the terms

#### Article 4—Joint Advocacy Committee

The Joint Advocacy Committee shall be created in order to achieve greater coordination and collaboration between the designated external affairs committees in the USG Senate and the GPSA Assembly.

##### Section 1. Membership

- A. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall consist of no more than 6 members; 3 from USG and 3 from GPSA.
- B. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall be jointly chaired by USG Vice President of Policy and the GPSA Vice President of External Affairs.
- C. Membership shall be selected at the first meeting of the Legislative Session by the Senate President and the Assembly President. The selection of the Joint Advocacy Committee members shall be subject to the approval of the USG Senate and the GPSA Assembly.
- D. The GPSA Assembly and the USG Senate shall be responsible for ensuring that their committee members attend all meetings of the Joint Advocacy Committee. If a committee member fails to attend meetings of the Joint Advocacy Committee, it shall be the responsibility of the member's legislative body to replace the committee member.

##### Section 2. Powers and Responsibilities

- A. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall research and present local, state and national legislation to the Assemblies.
- B. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall draft and submit joint policy statements on local, state and national legislative issues for the consideration of the USG and the GPSA legislative bodies.
- C. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall implement legislative, Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR), and Arizona Student's Association (ASA) policies that have been voted on affirmatively by the USG and the GPSA legislative bodies.
- D. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall coordinate and support joint advocacy efforts for the USG and the GPSA legislative bodies at local, state, and national levels.

Section 3.     Meetings

- A. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall meet at least once a month when the Arizona State Legislature is in session.
- B. The first meeting of the Joint Advocacy Committee shall take place before the second regular fall-semester meeting for each legislative body.
- C. The meetings of the Joint Advocacy Committee shall be open to any member of ASASU.

Article 5 - Supremacy Clause

This Constitution supersedes all other ASASU Constitutions, legislative and executive documents, including but not limited to Bylaws and College Council Constitutions.

Article 6 – Amendment

Section 1.     Amendments to Titles II and III

Proposals to amend Titles II and III of this Constitution shall be amended according to the procedures set forth in those Titles, respectively.

Section 2.     Amendments to Title I, IV, V, VI

- A. Proposals to amend Titles I, IV, V and VI of this Constitution shall be considered by the Conference Committee.
- B. The proposal shall be sent to the respective legislative bodies for consideration.
- C. To appear on the ballot, the proposed amendment shall have been approved by two-thirds of both the USG Senate and the GPSA Assembly.
- D. The proposed amendment must be made public to the student body at least one week prior to the election.
- E. If the proposed amendment for Title I, IV, V, and VI receives a majority of the votes cast in the ASASU election, the appropriate Title(s) shall be declared amended.

Article 7– Enactment

Section 1.     Effect of Enactment

This Constitution shall have full force and effect following passage by a majority vote of the ASASU Constitutional Convention, by a two-thirds vote of the USG and the GPSA legislative bodies, and by a majority of undergraduate and graduate students voting in a campus-wide election. This Constitution shall supersede and replace all previous ASASU Constitutions and Bylaws.

Section 2.     Initial Elections

Notwithstanding Section 3 of this article, the Elections Department, established under the outgoing ASASU Constitution and Bylaws, shall conduct a campus-wide election for the Executive and Legislative offices established under this Constitution no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of the elections year following the enactment of this Constitution.

Section 3.     Delayed Effective Date

This document will become effective upon ratification of fifty percent plus one of the USG, and fifty percent plus one of the GPSA, at noon on the Monday following May commencement.

Article 8—Administrative Agreement Clause

In signing this document the President of the Arizona State University recognizes the sovereignty of the ASASU as the representative body for all students at Arizona State University Tempe campus. The University President further recognizes this document as the supreme governing document thereof.