

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF UCSB

PREAMBLE

We, the undergraduate students of the University of California, Santa Barbara, in order to provide for the promotion, regulation, and maintenance of the general and educational welfare, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization shall be "The Associated Students of the University of California, Santa Barbara," herein referred to as the "Associated Students" or the "ASUCSB."

ARTICLE II – STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS

- A) All students shall have the right to an affordable education.
- B) All students shall have the right to affordable housing.
- C) All registered undergraduate students shall have the right to be active participants of ASUCSB.
 - 1) All students have the right to a vote in all ASUCSB Elections.
 - 2) Any student can hold an appointed position in A.S. and be employed by A.S. concurrently.
- D) All students shall have the right to be free from violence on this campus and in Isla Vista.
 - 1) All shall have the right to Safe Spaces on campus.
- E) All students shall have the right to the freedom of speech and expression.
 - 1) All students shall have the right to peacefully protest the UC Santa Barbara Associated Students, the UC Santa Barbara Administration, the UC Regents, the County of Santa Barbara, the State of California, the United States Federal Government, and all other entities as they so choose on the UCSB campus.
 - 2) Students shall have the right to be free of unwarranted aggression during protests.
- F) All students shall have the right to the status of innocent in all grievances with the University of California, Santa Barbara until proven guilty.
 - 1) All students shall have the right to due process with any grievance with the University of California, Santa Barbara. If the University accuses any student of misconduct, they have the right to be represented at any stage of the proceedings. Students may be represented by anyone of their choosing. Students have the right to see their disciplinary file before responding to the accusation, and students have the right to refuse to answer any questions posed to them at any time. Students also have the right to a hearing (closed or open to the public, as they choose) and a right to appeal. The students' representatives have the right to cross-examine witnesses testifying against them, and to call witnesses and present evidence on their behalf. Students' choice to exercise their rights may not be used against them.
- G) All students shall have the right to be free from discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, gender, sex, ethnicity, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, status within or outside the university, or political belief in all activities sponsored or conducted by the University, its affiliates, ASUCSB, or campus student groups.

- 1) ASUCSB shall not pass any Bill or Resolution that discriminates against students nor support any entity that discriminates against students.
- H) Students shall have the right to receive fair and equitable treatment in academics. This includes college and departmental admissions, enrollment, and access to assistance and other services. Students have the right to have their work graded fairly and without regard to non-academic criteria. If students believe that their work was graded unfairly, or if their academic rights have been infringed in any way, students have the right to pursue recourse, such as grievance or an appeal. Students have the right to be advised on their options and be represented when they pursue such recourse.
- I) All students shall have the right to free access of all University information, including the operating budget, with the exception of information that infringes on the privacy of any individual or group of individuals.
- J) All students shall have the right to a voice on all Administrative Advisory Committees and Academic Senate Committees.
- K) All students shall have the right to adequate study spaces on campus.
- L) All students shall have the right to have their input heard in the selection of establishments and businesses in our community.
- M) All students shall have the right to easily accessible services on campus.
- N) All students shall have the right to responsible allocation of student fees by Associated Students.
- O) All students shall have the right to have their input heard in the selection of non-student Regents.
- P) All AS student employees shall have the right to bargain for a higher wage at least once per year of employment.
- Q) Student Initiated Fees shall not be retroactively taxed by any campus or system wide entity.
- R) ASUCSB acknowledges that there are other rights not withstanding this Bill of Rights.

ARTICLE III – PRECEDENCE OF THE CONSTITUTION

The official documents of the Associated Students shall be the A.S. Constitution, A.S. By-Laws, and A.S. Standing Policies. They shall be compiled together and collectively be known as the ASUCSB Legal Code. Distribution of power and authority among these documents shall be allotted in the following order: A.S. CONSTITUTION, A.S. BY-LAWS, and A.S. STANDING POLICIES. With reference to this order, any contradiction which arises between these documents and the work contained therein, shall be decided in favor of the document higher in rank order. The wording of the lesser document involved shall automatically be void and struck from the document.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

All regularly registered undergraduate students carrying a study load of six (6) or more units shall pay the Associated Students Membership Fee at the time of fee payment to University officials for Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer quarters. Associated Students Members shall be entitled to vote in all ASUCSB Elections, seek an elective ASUCSB office, participate in all ASUCSB activities, and benefit from all ASUCSB services and programs. Associated Students Members shall neither seek more than one (1) elective office concurrently nor hold more than one (1) elective office concurrently.