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**Grays Harbor College**

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE

# CONSTITUTION

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# THE CONSTITUTION

## of the Associated Students of Grays Harbor College

**PREAMBLE** We the students of Grays Harbor College aim to enhance every student's experience at Grays Harbor College by providing students a means to be represented in college decision-making; and by fostering communication among all students, faculty, and staff. We hereby establish this constitution as the governing authority of this college.

### **ARTICLE I**      **RECOGNITION**

**Section 1**      The student body shall now and hereafter be known as the Associated Students of Grays Harbor College (ASGHC), and hereinafter referred to as Associated Students.

**Section 2**      The recognized governing body of the Associated Students shall be known as the Executive Board.

### **ARTICLE II**      **AUTHORITY**

**Section 1**      The Executive Board shall have the authority as granted by the Board of Trustees of Grays Harbor College to legislate, promote and regulate the affairs of the Associated Students.

**Section 2**      Initial ratification of this constitution and by-laws shall be made through a vote of the association members. A simple majority of association members voting shall constitute ratification. If ratified by the members, this constitution and by-laws shall become effective July 1, 2020.

### **ARTICLE III**      **MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1**      All students (Service and Activities Fee Paying Students) enrolled in one (1) or more college credit hours at Grays Harbor College are members of the Associated Students.

**Section 2**      Members in good standing may be representatives of the Associated Students. Membership may be revoked in accordance with the statuses set forth in the By-laws.

**Section 3**      Membership shall grant specific rights, including the right to vote in all special elections and other rights and privileges stated herein.

### **ARTICLE IV**      **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

**Section 1**      The executive officers of the ASGHC shall be known as the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Diversity and Awareness, Vice President for

Community Relations, Vice President for Engagement and Involvement, and two Vice Presidents for Activities.

**Section 2** The duties of the members of the Executive Board shall be defined and stated in the By-laws.

**Section 3** The selection process for the Executive Board shall be enumerated within the By-laws of this Constitution.

**Section 4** If any of the Executive Board positions are vacated during the year, the positions will be filled by the process as enumerated in the By-laws.

**Section 5** The Director of Student Life shall be an Ex-Officio member of the Executive Board without voting privileges for the purpose of acting as Executive Board advisor.

**Section 6** These officials, and no others, shall hereinafter be known as the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE V JUDICIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Section 1** The Judicial Review Committee shall hear all cases and/or controversies of the interpretation from this Constitution and the By-laws. Judicial Review Committee decisions shall be applied to all persons, the Executive Board (as applicable). Details of Judicial Review Committee operations are to be enumerated in the By-laws.

## **ARTICLE VI APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES**

**Section 1** The Executive Board shall have the responsibility and authority to appoint students to committees, as specified in the By-laws, or as needed or requested.

**Section 2** Appointed representative positions shall be described in the By-laws.

**Section 3** The selection and approval process for appointed representatives shall be enumerated in the By-laws.

**Section 4** Students selected as appointed representatives may be recalled for just cause as further described in the By-laws.

## **ARTICLE VII CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1** All Constitutional rights, including initiative and referendum processes, shall be guaranteed to the Associated Students of Grays Harbor College.

**Section 2** GHC Students may propose amendments to this Constitution by submitting an initiative petition.

A. This petition must be filed and reviewed by the Executive Board for appropriateness, clarity and accuracy.

B. This petition must then be posted in the Hillier Union Building (HUB) for two weeks and read at two (2) consecutive Executive Board meetings.

- C. Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be approved by an affirmative vote of the voting members of the Executive Board at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- D. If the petition receives an affirmative vote by the Student Board, it must go to the Director of Student Life and Vice President for Student Services for recommendations.

**Section 3**

If the petitioner is unsatisfied by the decision of the Executive Board or the recommendations of the college administration, then they may proceed to a referendum election.

- A. The proposal for a referendum election shall then be reviewed by the Executive Board for appropriateness, clarity and accuracy.
- B. The petition must then be posted in the Hillier Union Building (HUB) for two weeks prior to be voted upon.
- C. A referendum election requires the vote of at least 10% of the currently enrolled students in order for it to be valid and binding. A simple majority of those votes must be affirmative to pass the proposed amendment.

**Section 4**

Initiatives and referendums are each allowed twelve (12) weeks from inception to completion.

**ARTICLE VIII BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1**

The Executive Board shall make and amend the By-Laws of the ASGHC.

**Section 2**

Proposed amendments to the By-laws must be posted for two (2) weeks in the Hillier Union Building (HUB) prior to being approved by a two-thirds vote at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Board. The Executive Board's amendments must be submitted to the Director of Student Life, the Vice President for Student Services and may be reviewed by the Vice President for Instruction, or the Vice President for Administrative Services for recommendations.

**Section 3**

These amendments will not take effect until published and distributed to all the members of the Executive Board.