

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **FOR THE**

### **ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

#### **PREAMBLE**

We the students of North Seattle Community College, in order to ensure equal, fair, and just representation in matters relevant to our educational goals and extracurricular activities, and to provide initiative and coordination for programs, activities, and service projects which benefit the student body, campus and community, hereby establish this Constitution.

#### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name that will be used to define the student body under this Constitution shall be the Associated Students of North Seattle Community College (ASNSCC).

#### **ARTICLE II – AUTHORITY AND POWERS**

Under Washington State Law, the Board of Trustees of North Seattle Community College (NSCC) is charged with the ultimate authority and responsibility for all programs and services at NSCC. The administration of the programs and services that are supported by the ASNSCC have been delegated by the District Board of Trustees to the Student Administrative Council (SAC) with the guidance of the college administration. In acceptance of this authority and responsibility, (SAC) will administer programs and funds in compliance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the College and the laws of the State of Washington as well as its right and responsibility to advocate on behalf of student interests.

#### **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

All currently registered students of North Seattle Community College, upon paying tuition fees, shall be members of the ASNSCC and subject to the rules and regulations of North Seattle Community College, the Seattle Community College District, and Washington state laws that outline student responsibilities. ASNSCC members shall be further granted the rights and privileges afforded them by this Constitution.

## **ARTICLE IV – STUDENT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (SAC)**

### **Section 1 – Membership**

The Student Administrative Council shall be made up of no fewer than five (5) members of the ASNSCC. Position titles may change over time to ensure that the ASNSCC interests and concerns receive effective representation and advocacy as conditions, priorities, and interests evolve over time. Three key positions shall be maintained to guarantee that the essential and legal responsibilities of the Student Administrative Council are successfully accomplished and include a Director to guide and govern, a Communications Specialist to facilitate Student Administrative Council communications to student body and staff, and a Student Fee Board Coordinator to maintain a committee that ensures that student monies are judiciously allocated according to student needs and interests in compliance with Washington state legal requirements.

### **Section 2 – Authority**

The Student Administrative Council shall have the authority and responsibility for the development, interpretation, and implementation of all legislation at the Student Association level. Such powers include overseeing the Student Cabinet and Student Fee Board, the direction and regulation of all activities and policies of the ASNSCC, and the enactment of measures for the general welfare of the ASNSCC.

### **Section 3 – Selection Process**

Members of the ASNSCC Student Administrative Council shall be selected in accordance with the conditions set forth in the ASNSCC SAC Bylaws. The selection board shall consist of no less than two students of the Student Administrative Council, two students from ASNSCC, one NSCC faculty member, and one Student Administrative Council Advisor, and must consist of a two-thirds (2/3) student majority.

### **Section 4 – Removal**

Removal proceedings may be initiated against a member of SAC in accordance with conditions set forth in the SAC Bylaws.

### **Section 5 – Vacancies**

All vacancies of the ASNSCC Student Administrative Council, resulting from term-fulfillment, voluntary resignation, or involuntary removal, will be filled in accordance with the conditions set forth in the ASNSCC SAC Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE V – FINANCES**

### **Section 1 – Student Fee Board**

The Student Fee Board is selected by the same process as SAC and oversees the allocation of student fees and shall consist of two sub-committees: the Service and Activities Fees Committee and the Universal Technology Fee Committee. Collectively, the Student Fee Board shall consist of at least one member of the Student Administrative Council, no fewer than five (5) members of the ASNSCC, one staff advisor and during the Services and Activities and Universal Tech Fee allocation cycles, at least two college employees (faculty, classified or exempt) for Universal Technology Fees and one college employee for Services and Activities to provide support, guidance and a representative vote. Both committees must contain a two-thirds (2/3) student majority. Student members shall serve a term of one academic year which may be renewed by the process outlined in the SAC Bylaws. It is the directive of the Student Fee Board that student fees are allocated to enrich and support the academic experience of all students in accordance with laws established by Washington State.

### **Section 2 – Fund Allocation**

All funds allocated by the Student Fee Board are collected from Services and Activities Fees and the Universal Technology Fee. As outlined in the Student Administrative Council Bylaws, any program requiring funding, regardless of current funding status, is required to submit a formal request a minimum of once per academic year to the Student Fee Board before any funds can be allocated.

### **Section 3 – Student Fee Board Recommendations**

The Board of Trustees retains final authority on budget decisions.

## **ARTICLE VI – REPRESENTATION**

### **Student Cabinet**

There shall be a Student Cabinet that will consist of no fewer than six (6) members to sit on various campus committees.

## **ARTICLE VII – BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of the ASNSCC shall be the lawful means by which the provisions of the Constitution shall be implemented. Changes to the Bylaws can be proposed by any current SAC Advisor or member(s) of SAC. Ratification occurs by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of SAC.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any member of ASNSCC, SAC, or SAC Advisors, and must be ratified by simple majority vote of ASNSCC.

#### **ARTICLE IX – IMPLEMENTATION**

The Constitution shall be implemented upon its adoption by a simple majority vote of the ASNSCC in a regular or special election and upon the approval of the Seattle Community College District Board of Trustees.

#### **ARTICLE X – SUPERCEDEENCE AND SEVERABILITY**

If any portion of this document is proved invalid and unenforceable, all other portions of this document shall be held valid and enforceable.

This document supersedes and nullifies any provision in all prior bylaws and other rules not established by a superior agency, which regulates the recognized student governmental organization.