

# Associated Students of Southern Oregon University

## Constitution

### Article 1: Mission Statement

Section 1: ASSOU shall work to provide students with resources which enrich the collegiate experience, encourage the exchange of ideas, and foster a positive campus environment through the funds collected by the student fee.

Section 2: ASSOU shall represent the interests and voice of the Associated Students of Southern Oregon University regarding University, State, and National level issues.

Section 3: ASSOU shall always strive to steer Southern Oregon University toward a path of longevity and success.

### Article 2: Composition and Branch Powers

Section 1: The ASSOU shall be comprised of three branches:

Clause 1: The Executive Branch strives to engage students in meaningful involvement, foster activism through the lens of social accountability, and practice and encourage responsible leadership.

Clause 2: The Legislative Branch works to inform and outreach, develop student leaders, make sound and fair decisions, represent student voices, and promote equality and diversity on campus.

Clause 3: The Judicial Branch exists to interpret the nature and letter of the governing documents of ASSOU, work on and help facilitate conduct boards, protect the accountability and integrity of ASSOU and its officers, and provide mediation and advice in disputes involving any member of the Student Body.

Section 2: All branches shall have equal power in representing the membership of ASSOU and shall be able to audit the other branches.

### Article 3: Membership

Any student enrolled at Southern Oregon University that pay the Student Incidental Fee shall be a member of ASSOU.

### Article 4: Qualifications for Office

Section 1: To become an officer of ASSOU, a member shall be taking a minimum of four

credits in the current term of involvement and shall show evidence of actively working toward a degree.

Section 2: To become an officer of ASSOU, a member shall be in good academic and conduct standing with the university.

Section 3: To become an officer of ASSOU, a member shall maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

#### Article 5: Elections and Appointments

##### Section 1: President and Vice President

Clause 1: A campus wide election will take place every Spring Term to fill these positions for the following year.

##### Section 2: Senators

Clause 1: A campus wide election will take place every Spring Term to fill these positions for the following year.

##### Section 3: Appointments

Clause 1: All other ASSOU positions will be appointed.

Section 4: Elections must be completed by the end of the first week of May.

#### Article 6: Succession

Should the President need to vacate the post, the process of succession will be as follows: Vice President, Speaker of the Senate, an appointment of any applicant from the ASSOU officer membership with confirmation of the Senate.

#### Article 7: Enabling Clause

Section 1: This Constitution shall become active when reviewed and approved by the student body at Southern Oregon University.

Clause 1: The vote shall be certified with a majority vote of at least five percent of the entire student body.

Section 2: The approval of this Constitution signifies that the Associated Students of Southern Oregon University recognize the authority of the Officers of ASSOU to administer the student fee, advocate on their behalf, and this document as the governing doctrine of ASSOU.