

**PREAMBLE**

This Constitution of the Associated Students of Green River Community College has been adopted for the purpose of fostering and developing student responsibility, interest, and participation in the activities and programs of the ASGRCC, and is dedicated to the furtherance of general student welfare.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Associated Students of Green River Community College and the organization hereafter may be designated as ASGRCC.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this organization shall be to provide the opportunity for student organization, for the growth of the academic and social life of the students, and to further student relations with faculty and community.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

All students of GRCC shall become members of this organization with the privilege of holding office and voting in elections. Full-time students may vote in all elections and hold any office, commensurate to their class standing. Part-time students can hold the office of Senator, and shall be permitted to vote for these offices. Part-time students cannot hold the offices of President and Vice President, but shall vote for these offices. Students registered for ten or more units of college class work at GRCC shall be considered full-time students.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **ASGRCC ELECTED AND SELECTED OFFICERS**

#### **Section 1 - Membership**

Elected officers of the ASGRCC shall be a President and Vice President. Selected officers will be: PUBLIC RELATIONS – Chairperson, FINANCE COMMITTEE – Chairperson, BY-LAWS – Chairperson, and JUDICIAL BOARD – Chairperson (Chief Justice). There will be an additional twelve senators selected by the Executive Committee, and the Director of Student Life to serve on these committees.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **ASGRCC ELECTED and SELECTED OFFICERS** (continued)

#### **Section 2 - Term of Office**

The terms of an elective or selected officer shall be for one academic year.

#### **Section 3 - Vacancy in Office**

The Vice President of the ASGRCC shall become President in case the Office of President is vacated. In the case of a vacancy in the Office of Vice-President, the President shall appoint a new Vice President subject to the approval by 2/3's of the ASGRCC Senate vote, within two weeks after the vacancy occurs. In the event of both offices being vacated, an election will be held by the ASGRCC Senate to fill these positions within two weeks of vacancies.

#### **Section 4 - Presidential Powers**

The powers of the President shall be to determine general executive policy; to appoint committees and boards, subject to the approval of the Student Senate; to appoint administrative assistants; to appoint students for faculty, administrative, and trustee committees with consent of the Student Senate; to fill all appointive officers positions with the consent of the Student Senate; to sign or to veto all legislation passed by the Student Senate within ten academic days of passage or they shall automatically take effect; to make and to sign contracts for ASGRCC, with the consent of the Director of Student Life; and to perform all duties necessary to carry out executive policy related to student interests.

#### **Section 5 - Vice Presidential Powers**

The Vice President shall be the chairperson of the Student Senate; does not vote unless the Senate is equally divided; serve as a student representative to the All College Council; shall insure all legislation passed by Student Senate is conveyed to the ASGRCC President within two academic days of passage; and perform all duties necessary to carry out legislative policy related to student interests.

#### **Section 6 - Presidential and Vice-Presidential Duties**

The ASGRCC President and Vice-President will present a state of the quarter address to the student body. The state of the quarter address will be presented within three weeks of the start of each quarter, excluding the summer quarter, in an open public format. The ASGRCC President and Vice President will also assist in the selection process of senators stated in Article IV, Section 1 of the ASGRCC Constitution.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **APPOINTED OFFICERS**

#### **Section 1 - The Appointed Officers**

The Appointive Officers of the ASGRCC shall be defined and set forth in the by-laws.

#### **Section 2 - Term of Office**

The terms of all appointive officers shall be for one academic year.

#### **Section 3 - Duties and Terms**

The duties and terms of appointive officers shall be defined and set forth in the by-laws.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **STUDENT SENATE**

#### **Section 1 - Jurisdiction**

The ASGRCC Student Senate shall serve as the legislative body of the ASGRCC.

#### **Section 2 - Membership**

The ASGRCC Vice President shall be the presiding officer of the Senate, but shall have no vote unless the Senate is equally divided. The ASGRCC President shall be an ex-officio member. Voting members shall be the Finance Committee Chairperson, Public Relations Committee Chairperson, Judicial Board Committee Chairperson (Chief Justice), and By-Laws Committee Chairperson, three Finance Committee Senators, three Public Relations Committee Senators, three Judicial Board Committee Senators, and three By-Laws Committee Senators, the Director of Student Life or his/her designee shall serve as an ex-officio member in an advisory capacity.

#### **Section 3 - Senate Powers and Duties**

The powers of the Student Senate shall be to review and approve general policy concerning activities of the ASGRCC; to make recommendations to the ASGRCC President and Vice President; to recommend constitutional amendments and approve by-laws for this association; to review and authorize expenditures of ASGRCC funds; to ratify all appointments to ASGRCC standing committees or boards; and to override the President's veto with a 2/3's vote of those voting.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **STUDENT SENATE** (continued)

#### **Section 4 – Quorum**

For purposes of legislative active membership, a quorum shall consist of 2/3s of the current Student Senate.

#### **Section 5 – Meetings**

The Student Senate shall meet once each week of the academic year except the finals week of each quarter.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **ASGRCC SENATE COMMITTEES**

#### **Section 1-Public Relations Committee**

The Public Relations Committee shall consist of a Public Relations Committee Chairperson and three committee members. These members shall be selected as stated in Article IV, Section 1 of the ASGRCC Constitution. The Public Relations Committee shall comply with Article VI, Section 1 of ASGRCC By-Laws. The Public Relations Committee shall also be responsible for the duties stated in Article IV, Section 6, Sub-Section 1c.

#### **Section 2-Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee shall consist of a Finance Committee Chairperson and three committee members. These members shall be selected as stated in Article IV, Section 1 of the ASGRCC Constitution. The Finance Committee duties shall comply with Article IV, Section 6, Sub-Section 1a in the ASGRCC By-Laws and shall also comply and enforce the policies of the ASGRCC Financial Code.

#### **Section 3-By-Laws Committee**

The By-Laws Committee shall consist of a By-Laws Committee Chairperson and three committee members. These members shall be selected as stated in Article IV, Section 1 of the ASGRCC Constitution. The By-Laws Committee shall comply and be responsible for the duties stated in Article IV, Section 6, Sub-Section 1b and Article IV, Section 7 in the ASGRCC By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **ASGRCC SENATE COMMITTEES**

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#### **Section 4-Judicial Board Committee**

The Judicial Board Committee shall consist of a Judicial Board Chairperson, herein referred to as Chief Justice and three committee members. These members shall be selected as stated Article IV, Section 1 of the ASGRCC Constitution. The Judicial Board Committee shall be responsible for all duties reflected in Article IV, Section 6, Sub-Section 1d and Article VII in the ASGRCC By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **RULES OF ORDER**

All ASGRCC Student Senate meetings shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised*.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **BY-LAWS**

#### **Section 1 - Jurisdiction**

By-Laws of the ASGRCC shall be made and amended by 2/3 vote of the Student Senate.

#### **Section 2 - Notification of Intent**

Any proposed By-laws or amendments to By-Laws must be presented in writing to each member of the Senate and read to Student Senate seven (7) calendar days before it can be voted upon. proposed By-laws and/or amendments shall be advertised around campus seven (7) calendar days prior to the By-Law or amendment being voted upon. Locations of By-Law changes will include bulletin boards, in Student Programs, and other readily-seen-by-the-student-body settings. By-Laws require approval of 2/3 of the Student Senate.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

Constitutional amendments may be initiated by a petition from the student body or by action of 2/3's of the Senate. In the case of legislative action, the suggested amendment shall be submitted to each senator in writing and read in a Senate meeting which must precede the meeting at which it is voted upon by at least seven calendar days. The Constitution shall be amended by approval of a simple majority of students voting in a regular or special election, provided written notice of such amendment has been published and posted for ten instructional days before each election. In addition to this, the student congress will be required to provide information sessions at a set time where the Judicial Board Committee members and the Executive Committee will be present to explain the changes to the constitution. No voting will take place at such meetings.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL**

#### **Section 1 – Initiative**

A constitutional amendment or legislative action may be demanded by a petition signed by 5% of the Student Body.

#### **Section 2 - Referendum**

A referendum action of any legislative action may be demanded by a petition signed by 5% of the Student Body.

#### **Section 3 - Recall**

Any elected official may be subject to recall upon petition signed by 5% of the Student Body.

#### **Section 4 - Adoption**

Upon receiving a petition for an initiative, referendum, or recall measure, the Senate must call a special election in not more than 15 academic days. Initiative, referendum, or recall measures require a 51% favorable majority to pass in a special election.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **INTERPRETATION**

#### **Section 1 - Student Interpretation**

The interpretation of this constitution shall be the responsibility of the Judicial Board Committee and its By-Laws shall be the responsibility of the By-Laws Committee, subject ultimately to approval by the Board of Trustees of Green River Community College.

#### **Section 2 - Guidelines for Interpretation**

Any interpretation of this constitution shall be made with the view of its basic principles which are to increase and foster student responsibility, interest, and participation in the activities and programs of the Associated Students of Green River Community College.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **ADOPTION**

This constitution shall become effective upon approval of the Student Body by a 51% simple majority vote of the ballots cast at a special election in which 5% of the student body cast ballots. This constitution upon adoption shall supercede all preceding ASGRCC Constitutions. This constitution shall become effective immediately upon adoption of the Student Body. This constitution will be presented by the President of the college. The final authority for approval of this constitution shall rest with the Board of Trustees of Green River Community College.



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