



Associated Student Government (ASG) Constitution

Preamble

We, the students of Barstow Community College (BCC), in order to establish an effective student government to represent students' interests, practice the democratic process, promote personal and civic growth, and to recognize the inherent rights and responsibilities of self-government, do hereby establish this Constitution of the Associated Student Government of Barstow Community College as provided for by the State Legislature through the California Education Code and Title 5 of California's State Code, and as delegated by the Board of Trustees of the Barstow Community College District.

Article I – Name

The name of this student body organization shall be the Associated Student Government, here after referred to as ASG.

Article II – Purpose

Section 1 Purpose. The ASG shall fulfill the following responsibilities:

- a. **Representation.**
To serve as the voice of the students in matters of college-wide concern and before the Board of Trustees, and all college-wide boards, committees, and ad hoc groups.
- b. **Collaboration.**
Foster relationships among students, college staff, and the community.
- c. **Accountability.**
Function as a democratically elected and empowered body remaining accountable to its constituency, expressing the general will of the students and following through with its responsibilities.
- d. **Communication.**
Provide ongoing and widespread dissemination of information to enhance awareness of college-wide issues and maximize input from students.

e. Advocacy

Engage in strategic advocacy efforts to bolster support for the student body.

Article III – Membership

Section 1 The membership of this organization shall consist of all registered students, who have paid their Student Activities fee.

Section 2 Active and Non-Active Membership

- a. Active Membership:
All registered students, who pay the Student Activities fee, are accorded active membership.
- b. Non-Active Membership
All other students who do not pay the Student Activities fee are accorded non-active membership.

Section 3 Active membership entitles individuals to:

- a. Vote in all ASG regular and special elections;
- b. Hold an ASG office, if otherwise eligible;
- c. Discounts established by ASG;
- d. Participation in ASG sponsored organizations, clubs, events, programs, and activities;
- e. Other rights, privileges, and benefits established by ASG bills, resolutions, and recommendations.

Section 4 Honorary membership in the organization may be bestowed upon any person by the unanimous agreement of the ASG Executive Officers.

Article IV – Organization and Powers

Section 1 The Executive Officers of this organization shall be the ASG President, ASG Vice President, ASG Secretary, and ASG Treasurer.

Section 2 The Student Trustee shall serve a one year term commencing on June 1st. The position may be held for one additional year, but must meet guidelines and be re-elected based on the requirements set forth in Article III and California Education Code 72023.5.

Section 3 The duties of the Executive Officers shall be listed in the Bylaws.

Section 4 The Region IX Delegate is an elected official, who serves as a non-voting member of the ASG Legislature, which is comprised of the Executive Officers and Senate.

Section 5 The elected Student Senate shall consist of one senator for every seven hundred and fifty (750) students.

Section 6 The Inter-Club Council (ICC) will be chaired by the ASG Vice President and comprised of one selected delegate from each club/organization.

Section 7 Subject to the regulations and policies of the Board of Trustees, provisions of the California Education Code, and advice of the ASG Advisor and/or Vice President of Student Services, the powers of the ASG Legislature are as follows:

- Approve funds and appropriations;
- Pass legislation (bills, resolutions, and recommendations);
- Propose amendments to the ASG Constitution and Bylaws;
- Vote on ASG Executive Committee appointments for all vacant ASG offices and Shared Governance Committees;
- Override an ASG Presidential veto by a two-thirds (2/3) vote (quorum maintained);
- Serve as representatives for the student body;
- Serve in at least one (1) Shared Governance Committee (each member);
- Uphold the laws of the Associated Students as prescribed in the ASG Constitution, ASG Bylaws, ASG Election Code, ICC Bylaws, and Student Handbook;
- Initiate impeachment proceedings against all and any elected or appointed officers of the ASG by a two-thirds (2/3) vote (quorum maintained).

Section 8 A quorum is defined as over fifty (50) percent of the voting members of the Legislature and at least three (3) Executive Officers.

Section 9 An ASG officer accused of improper conduct or neglect of duty shall be subject to removal from office, as specified in the ASG Bylaws by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASG Legislature.

Article V – Eligibility Requirements and Length of Office

Section 1 Eligibility requirements for all elected officials:

- Enrollment in a minimum of (9) semester units
- Maintenance of a minimum cumulative grade point average of:
 - 2.25 for Senators
 - 2.75 for Officers, Student Trustee, and Region IX Representative
- Payment of Student Representation fee and Student Activities fee

Eligibility requirements will be verified prior to the election process and at the beginning of each semester in which the student holds an office.

- Section 2** Students shall be eligible to hold ASG leadership positions as defined below for a one year term. Re-election for an additional year may occur, if all requirements of this section are met and the year is consecutive. Students may not hold any ASG leadership position beyond the second year.
- Section 3** When an ASG office is vacant for any reason, the Executive Officers will nominate a replacement for that position within two weeks. At the earliest ASG meeting the Legislature will vote on the nominations and replace the missing member.
- Section 4** If during the semester review it is determined that the ASG President does not meet the eligibility requirements, the individual will be removed and the ASG Vice President will take office. The Executive Officers will nominate a replacement for the ASG Vice President within two weeks. At the earliest ASG meeting the Legislature will vote on the nominations and replace the ASG Vice President.
- Section 5** Any ASG Executive Officer shall not hold any executive position within any other organization or club at Barstow Community College.

Article VI – Attendance Policy/Procedure

- Section 1** ASG Legislature members shall attend and be on time for all regular, special, and Shared Governance Committee meetings.
- Section 2** The ASG Advisor may only excuse an absence in the case of an emergency or unusual circumstance.
- Section 3** An absence shall be defined as not being present ten (10) minutes after the completion of roll call.
- Section 4** An ASG member who is absent cannot make, second, nor vote in any action items. The member may give report and/or add to the discussion of an action and participate in all discussion items.
- Section 5** An ASG Legislature member will only be allowed two (2) unexcused absences per semester.
- Section 6** A tardy shall be defined as not being present by the completion of roll call. Two (2) tardies are equal to one (1) unexcused absence.
- Section 7** Any member of the ASG Legislature who has three (3) unexcused absences will be subject to removal from the office by the ASG Legislature.
- Section 8** Any member of the ASG Legislature who has accumulated more than six (6) excused absences will be subject to removal from office by the ASG Legislature.

Section 9 The President and Vice President will meet with the Superintendent/President on a monthly basis.

Article VII – Standard and Special Elections

Section 1 All rules, policies, and guidelines governing standard elections will be detailed in the Election Code in the ASG Bylaws.

Section 2 Special Elections may be authorized by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASG Legislature, or by initiative, referendum, or recall actions.

- a. Special elections shall comply with all election procedures and meet all requirements of general elections in accordance with ASG Election Code.
- b. The ASG President can call for any Special Elections and the ASG Legislature must approve by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Article VIII – Initiative, Referendum, and Recall

Section 1 Initiative: Any rule, regulation, or constitutional amendment may be initiated by the student body upon filing with the ASG Secretary a petition for such action signed by not less than five (5) percent of the entire Student Body who meet the qualifications listed in Article III – Membership, or not less than fifty (50) percent of the total votes cast in the last ASG general election, whichever is greater. Upon filing such a petition with the ASG Secretary, the ASG Vice President shall validate the petition and names appended to the petition and if said petition contains the minimum number of valid signatures, shall order an election not less than one (1) week or more than three (3) weeks after the first regular ASG Legislature meeting succeeding the filing and validation of the petition.

Section 2 Referendum – Any action of the ASG Legislature may be referred to the Student Body upon filing with the ASG Secretary a petition for such action signed by not less than five (5) percent of the entire Student Body who meet the qualifications listed in Article III – Membership, or not less than fifty (50) percent of the total votes cast in the last ASG general election, whichever is greater. Upon filing such a petition with the ASG Secretary, the ASG Vice President shall validate the petition and names appended to the petition and if said petition contains the minimum number of valid signatures, shall order an election not less than one (1) week or more than three (3) weeks after the first regular ASG Legislature meeting succeeding the filing and validation of the petition.

Section 3 Recall – Any Legislative Officer shall be subject to recall upon filing with the ASG Secretary a petition for such action signed by not less than five (5) percent of the entire Student Body who meet the qualifications listed in Article III –

Membership, or not less than 100% of the total votes cast in the last ASG general election, whichever is greater. Upon filing such a petition with the ASG Secretary, the Director of Student Life shall validate the petition and names appended to the petition and if said petition contains the minimum number of valid signatures, shall order an election not less than one (1) week or more than three (3) weeks after the first regular ASG Legislature meeting succeeding the filing and validation of the petition.

Article IX – Interpretation of the Associated Student Government Constitution

Section 1 The ASG Executive officers, with the advisement of the ASG Advisors, shall make all interpretations of constitution. Prior to final interpretation, the ASG Advisor should be consulted during a regularly scheduled ASG meeting. When agreement cannot be made, the interpretation will be made by the appropriate Vice President.