

Constitution
Associated Students of Evergreen Valley College
Preamble

We, the students of Evergreen Valley College, in order to maintain a voice in the decision that affect us, provide experience that stimulate the intellectual, social and physical life of our student body through the sponsorship of expanded educational and co-curricular activities, do adopt and establish this constitution.

Article I-Name

Section I: Name

- (a) The name of this organization shall be the Associated Students of Evergreen Valley College, hereinafter referred to as ASEVC.
- (b) The name of the elected and appointed officers of the ASEVC shall be known as the Associated Student Government of Evergreen Valley College hereinafter to as the ASG or AS.

Article II- Student Rights

Section I: Membership

- (a) All currently registered students are entitled to participate in all events or activities associated with Evergreen Valley College and are considered members of ASEVC.
- (b) All currently registered students at Evergreen Valley College have the right to vote in any student elections.
- (c) All currently registered students may pay the AS Student Activity Fee; receive the AS Sticker (or constituent identifier denoting payment of the fee); and to receive all privileges and benefits of possessing one.
- (d) All currently registered students have a right to address concerns, ideas, and opinions to the ASG providing they are voiced in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the ASEVC.
- (e) Any qualified student of Evergreen Valley College has the right to run for an Associated Student Government Office.

Article III- Purpose

Section I: Purpose

- (a) The ASG shall serve as the sole governing body of the students of Evergreen Valley College.
- (b) The ASG shall represent the students of Evergreen Valley College, provide a vehicle for shared governance and student input, and participate in the affairs and activities of Evergreen Valley College.

Article IV- Officers

Section I: Positions- The ASG shall consist of the following officer positions:

- A. One (1) President
- B. One (1) Internal Vice President
- C. One (1) External Vice President
- D. One (1) Secretary
- E. One (1) Vice President of Finance
- F. One (1) Public Relations Director
- G. One (1) Activities Director
- H. Nine (9) Representatives at Large

Section II: Duties and Powers:

- (a) The officers of the ASG shall carry out any duties and powers as outlined in the ASEVC bylaws.

Section III: Election Procedures

- (a) All Election Procedures shall be outlined in the ASEVC Elections Code.

Article V- Executive Council

Section I: Council Composition

- (a) The Executive Council shall be comprised of the President, Internal Vice President, External Vice President, Vice President of Finance, and the Secretary.

Section II: Duties and Powers

- (a) The Executive Council in consultation with the ASEVC Advisor shall have the general supervision over the affairs of the ASEVC between its regularly scheduled meetings, fix the hour and location of meetings, make recommendations to the ASG and perform other such duties as specified in the constitution and in the bylaws.
- (b) The Executive Council shall be subject to the orders of the ASG and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the ASG unless otherwise stated in the constitution or in the bylaws.

Section III: Executive Council Meetings

- (a) Executive Board shall meet the first week of each semester to set the schedule of executive council meetings and of regular ASG meetings. All other meetings shall be initiated by either the President or three of the executive council members.

Article VI- Parliamentary Authority

All ASG meetings shall utilize the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order as a guide, to govern the ASG in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they do not conflict with the constitution, bylaws and any special rules of order the ASG may adopt.

Article VII- Constitutional Amendments

Section I: Methods for Proposing Amendments

- (a) Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by one of two methods: One, a petition signed by one-tenth (1/10) of the members of ASEVC as defined in Article I. Upon submission of such a petition to the ASG, the proposed amendment shall then be voted upon at a special election to be held within one month of the receipt of the petition or at the general student election, whichever election comes first. The proposed amendment shall take effect when approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority of votes cast.
- (b) Alternatively, two, through a proposal approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the ASG. The proposed amendment shall then be voted upon at a special election to be held within one month of ASG approval or at the general student election, whichever election comes first. The proposed amendment shall take effect when approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast.

Article VIII- ASEVC Advisor

Section I: Appointment

- (a) The ASEVC Advisor shall be the Director of Student Life unless otherwise stated by the College President, or Vice President of Student Services as appropriate.
- (b) The ASEVC Advisor will be sworn in by the ASEVC President.

Section II: Duties and Responsibilities

- (a) The ASG Advisor will advise the ASG on rules, policies, and regulations pertinent to their proceedings.
- (b) The ASG Advisor shall not have the power to render decisions on behalf of, or in place of the ASG.
- (c) The ASG Advisor shall have the authority to render recommendations wherever they deem appropriate providing those recommendations made in order with the proceedings.
- (d) The ASG Advisor shall provide regular officer training and leadership development opportunities of the ASG.

Article IX- Referendum, Recall and Removal from Office

Section I: Referendum

- (a) Any Regulation passed by the ASG shall be subject to referendum by the ASEVC.
- (b) Once a petition is signed by a number of students equal to two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast in the last general election is presented to the ASG, the Elections Board shall set an election date for the proposed referendum measures.

- (c) Voting on the referendum petition must be held within ten (10) school days following the first regular ASG meeting subsequent to the presentation of the petition/
- (d) The referendum issue must receive official publicity at least one week prior to the date votes are to cast.
- (e) The ASG shall, in consultation with the ASEVC Advisor, accept the petition and call a special election in accordance with the provision set forth in the ASEVC Elections Code.

Section II: Recall

- (a) All elected officers of the ASG are subject to a recall.
- (b) Once a recall petition is signed by a number of students equal to two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast in the last general election is presented to the ASG, the Elections Board shall set an election date for the proposed recall special election.
- (c) Voting on the referendum petition must be held within ten (1/10) school days following the first regular ASG meeting subsequent to the presentation of the petition.
- (d) The recall issue must receive official publicity at least one week prior to the date votes are to cast.
- (e) The recall shall be successful if a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast are in favor of the measure.
- (f) If recall is successful, an election must be held to fill the vacated office. Any officer, if recalled may again become a candidate for the same office in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Article X- Bylaws

Section I: Bylaws

- (a) All provisions of the ASEVC not delineated in the ASEVC Constitution shall be delineated in the ASEVC Bylaws, ASEVC Club Code, ASEVC finance code and ASEVC Elections Code.
- (b) The ASG may pass any additions, deletions, or revisions to the bylaws necessary to enforce and/or supplement the Constitution of the ASEVC.
- (c) The bylaws of the ASEVC shall be initially established by three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of ASG.
- (d) All amendments to the bylaws shall appear on the agenda as a discussion only item within meeting in which they are first introduced.
- (e) Upon appearing on the agenda as a discussion only item, the amendment/s to the bylaws in question shall be placed on the agenda for the following week for a supplementary discussion if necessary and the discretionary action of ASG.
- (f) Revisions of the bylaws shall be established by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of ASG.

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