

Preamble

We the Associated Students of San Jose City College, in Order to form a more perfect Shared Governance, shall seek to innovate past the Social Injustices of our day, insure Common Respect and Equity, provide resources for our Students and Community of Innovators alike, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Freedom for Education to us and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the San Jose City College Associated Student Government.

Article 1 Fundamentals

Sec 1.1 Names & Definitions

Sec 1.1.1 The official name of this organization shall be San Jose City College Associated Student Government. The full official abbreviation shall be SJCC ASG. The shorthand abbreviation shall be ASG.

Sec 1.1.2 ASG Board shall be defined as all students currently holding active voting and non-voting positions of the ASG and may be referred to individually as ASG members.

Sec 1.1.3 ASG Executives (Executive Board) shall be defined as the ASG President, all VPs, Directors, Student Trustee, and Chief Justice.

Sec 1.1.4 ASG Directors shall be defined as any ASG position with Director in the name. Sec

1.1.5 ASG Officers shall be defined as all ASG Executives, Directors, and Senators.

Sec 1.1.5 ASG Club Representatives shall be defined as the official representative appointed by a Student Organization.

Sec 1.1.6 ASG Advisors shall be defined as individuals who council, guide, and support the ASG Board. They are not to dictate how the ASG is run, and are only a supporting role in how the students decide to govern the ASG.

Sec 1.1.7 Student Senate for California Community Colleges shall be referred to as SSCCC.

Sec 1.2 Colors

Sec 1.2.1 Purple, Gold, and White shall be the official colors of the SJCC ASG.

Sec 1.3 Vision

Sec 1.3.1 Affordable education for all people in terms of, including but not limited to, tuition, textbooks, food, transportation, medical, and housing.

Sec 1.4 Mission

Sec 1.4.1 The mission of the SJCC ASG is to create a transformative and enriching experience that advances student life in the aspects of academics, civic engagement, intercultural development, social justice, and well-being through advocacy via well trained and financially incentivized student representation, the execution of strategic initiatives, and the establishment of forward thinking policy.

Sec 1.5 Authority

Sec 1.5.1 The affairs of the SJCC ASG shall be conducted by the ASG Board.

Sec 1.5.2 The authority of this organization and its members, as identified in this Constitution, is delegated by and subjected to San Jose Evergreen Community College District Policy and CA Education Code.

Sec 1.5.3 Official activities of the SJCC ASG shall be under advisement by an Advisor from among persons currently in the employment of San Jose City College and/or the San Jose Evergreen Community College District.

Sec 1.6 Values

Sec 1.6.1 Leadership - The capacity to translate vision into reality.

Sec 1.6.2 Courage - Overcoming fear in order to better oneself and others.

Sec 1.6.3 Vision - To think one can change the world and bring about that change.

Sec 1.6.4 Integrity and Knowledge - Integrity without knowledge holds no value, and knowledge without

integrity can be dangerous.

Sec 1.6.5 Tenacity - Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.

Sec 1.7 Mantra

Sec 1.7.1 Success in the Face of Failure

Sec 1.7.2 Let there be Success

Sec 1.8 Place of Business

Sec 1.8.1 The SJCC ASG, and its sub-committees, shall conduct all official business in the ASG Office located in the Student Center building of San Jose City College. Location exceptions shall occur at the discretion of the ASG President.

Article 2 ASG Membership

Sec 2.1 ASG Board

Sec 2.1.1 Officers shall be elected through a general election facilitated by the SJCC ASG in conjunction of the SJCC ASG advisor and Office of Student Life in the spring semester of each academic year. Elected Officers are authorized to begin serving in official capacity at the beginning of their term.

Sec 2.1.2 An ASG Officer shall be further defined as a person who was elected or appointed to an ASG Officer Position and has taken the SJCC ASG Oath of Office.

Sec 2.2 Officer Requirements

Sec 2.2.1 In order to be eligible to be an SJCC ASG officer, one must be currently enrolled in a minimum of five (5) semester units and must have and maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

Sec 2.2.2 SJCC ASG officers not maintaining eligibility shall be ineligible to serve and their positions immediately vacated.

Sec 2.3 Vacancies

Sec 2.3.1 All vacancies shall be filled through appointment by the ASG President, or by an Officer designated by the ASG President and ratified by the SJCC ASG Board with a simple majority vote.

Sec 2.4 Term of Office

Sec 2.4.1 Term of office for members shall be for one (1) year beginning July 1st and ending June 30th of the next calendar year.

Sec 2.4.2 The period for which a member is appointed through Appointment does not count as a term. Unless the member served more than half the term.

Sec 2.5 Voting Rights

Sec 2.5.1 All SJCC Students who have paid their Student Activity Fee shall be authorized to participate in events funded by the SJCC ASG, although additional fees may apply to attend or participate in an event.

Article 3 Meetings

Sec 3.1 Meeting Principles

Sec 3.1.1 All meetings of the SJCC ASG and standing committees shall be open to the SJCC student body and the general public.

Sec 3.1.2 Regular meetings of the SJCC ASG shall be held once (1) weekly throughout the fall and spring semesters.

Sec 3.1.3 The SJCC ASG President or Chair of a Committee may call a regular meeting or special meetings within the constraints of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Sec 3.2 Agenda Items

Sec 3.2.1 Any SJCC student, teacher, faculty, ASG member, or staff may request an item on the agenda.

Sec 3.2.2 It is up to the executive board to place items on the ASG Agenda.

Sec 3.3 Parliamentary Procedure

Sec 3.3.1 The SJCC ASG will adhere to the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order in the Parliamentary procedure. The Chief Justice shall be the Parliamentarian and shall have the final interpretation of all SJCC ASG Policy.

Sec 3.4 Quorum

Sec 3.4.1 Quorum shall be established by a majority of all currently active members of Executive Officers consisting of: ASG President, all VPs, Directors, Student Trustee, and Chief Justice.

Sec 3.5 Order of Business

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes

Public Comment

Consent Calendar

Old Business

New Business

Next Meeting

Reports

Adjournment

Article 4 Finances

Sec 4.1 ASG Compensation

Sec 4.1.1 All officers shall be entitled to receive a stipend that is established by the previous Board.

Sec 4.1.2 All SJCC Shared Governance Committee Members appointed by the ASG President shall be entitled to receive a stipend in an amount that shall be established in the ASG Bylaws.

Sec 4.1.3 Officers and/or SJCC Shared Governance Committee Members can choose to opt out of, or back into, receiving their stipends whenever they choose.

Sec 4.1.4 All stipends shall be paid at the end of the semester.

Sec 4.1.5 No advances shall be given for any reason.

Sec 4.2 Student Activity Fee

Sec 4.2.1 The Student Activity Fee is a five dollars (\$5.00) fee collected from each student by SJCC at the time of student registration each semester and is deposited in a separate fiduciary fund established for the SJCC ASG and can only be used to support SJCC ASG operations as approved by the ASG Board.

Sec 4.3 The Student Representation Fee

Sec 4.3.1 The Student Representation Fee is a one-dollar (\$1.00) fee collected from each student

Article 5 Amendments

Sec 5.1 Amendment by ASG Board

Sec 5.1.1 The SJCC ASG Constitution may be amended by majority vote of votes cast during regular or special election of the student body.

Sec 5.1.2 The Bylaws and any other ASG governing documents may be amended with a majority vote by the SJCC ASG.

Sec 5.2 Amendment by Petition

Sec 5.2.1 Any SJCC Student may propose an amendment to any of our Governing Documents.

Sec 5.2.2 In order for a student to submit to the Rules Committee a proposal for an amendment to the ASG Governing Documents, he/she must collect student signatures in favor of the amendment. The minimum number of signatures shall be equivalent to 1% of the current student population. In order for a signature to be valid it must be accompanied by the student's First and Last Name, their Student ID Number, and Signature.

Sec 5.2.3 Once a student submits the required number of valid signatures in favor of a proposed amendment, the Chief Justice shall promptly usher the proposed amendment through procedure(s) established within this Constitution.

Article 6 Ratification

Sec 6.1 Once ratified, this constitution shall supersede all prior SJCC ASG Constitutions.