



San Jose City College Associated Student Government

CONSTITUTION

This Constitution shall be the prevailing governing document of the San Jose City College Associated Student Government and shall supersede all prior Constitutions. Should any portion of this document be deemed unenforceable due to, including but not limited to, conflicting with CA Education Code, SJECCD Policy, the Ralph M. Brown Act, and/or other such policy(s), the remaining sections shall remain enforceable and in full effect.

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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 ourselves 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, 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 1.1.6 ASG Club Representatives shall be defined as the official representative appointed by a Student Organization.

- Sec 1.1.7 ASG Advisors shall be defined as individuals who council, guide, and support the ASG Board, and the ASG.
- Sec 1.1.8 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 incentivised 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 2.6 Term of Office

- Sec 2.6.1 Term of office for members shall be for one (1) year beginning July 1st and ending June 30th of the next calendar year.
- Sec 2.6.2 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 2.7 Voting Rights

- Sec 2.8.1 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 in order 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 3.1.4 The SJCC ASG President or Chair of a Committee may call a regular meeting or special meeting 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 3.2.1.1 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 following 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, Student Trustee, and Chief Justice.

Article 4 Finances

Sec 4.1 ASG Compensation

Sec 4.1.1 All officers shall be entitled to receive a stipend referred to as Universal Basic Income in an amount that shall be established in the ASG Bylaws.

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 out on a monthly basis. Based on financial need and at the discretion of the VP of Finance, stipends may be issued as needed not to exceed the amount established in the ASG Bylaws.

Sec 4.1.5 No advances shall be given for any reason.

Sec 4.3 Student Activity Fee

Sec 4.3.1 The Student Activity Fee is a twenty dollars (\$20.00) 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 4.4 The Student Representation Fee

Sec 4.4.1 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 with the student's First and Last Name, their Student ID Number, Signature, and Date of 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.

Ratified April 9th, 2019