



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

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Constitution of the Associated Students of Eastern Oregon University Student Government

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PREAMBLE

We, the students of Eastern Oregon University, acting by the authority delegated by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education to Eastern Oregon University, do establish this Constitution in order that we may fully employ the advantages of shared governance to achieve our core mission of advancing the educational, social, and cultural experience of students at Eastern Oregon University.

ARTICLE I

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Section 1: The students of Eastern Oregon University shall legally be known as the Associated Students of Eastern Oregon University (ASEOU).

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Section 2: The governing body of the ASEOU shall be legally known as the Student Government of the Associated Students of Eastern Oregon University (ASEOU Student Government).

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ARTICLE II

(Membership)

Section 1: All students of Eastern Oregon University paying the incidental fee regardless of credit hours being taken or completed shall be members of ASEOU.

Section 2: Enrollment for the summer term is not necessary to maintain membership status.

ARTICLE III

(Organization)

Section 1: Where Powers Vested. Except as this constitution otherwise provides, all powers of ASEOU Student Government shall be vested in the Senate. The Senate shall adhere to, create, or modify bylaws to carry out its core mission.

Section 2: Liaison. The ASEOU Student Government reports to and works with the Vice President for Student Affairs as the liaison to university administration.

Section 3: Senate. The Senate shall be composed of the ASEOU President and eight (8) ASEOU Senators elected from the student body at large. The responsibilities of the Senate include, but are not limited to: creating and regulating the incidental fee structure, attending a required training, and creating any legislation needed to carry out its core mission.

A. The Interim Senate shall be composed of the Interim Senators and the Interim ASEOU President prior to their taking of office.

Section 4: Senators. ASEOU Senators shall be elected via popular vote in a general election in the spring of each academic year. ASEOU members who apply for vacant Senate seats after the general election may be appointed by the Interim Senate or ASEOU Senate via a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate. They will serve a term that begins on the last Friday of the spring term after the general election and ends on the last Thursday of the spring term in the following year. Between the end of the election and the last Friday of the spring term, all newly elected or appointed ASEOU Senators will be known as Interim Senators. Interim Senators may attend training during this time to fulfill the training requirement associated with officially becoming an ASEOU Senator.

A. Interim Senators shall have authority limited to the appointment of vacant Senate seats, appointment of vacant Judicial Board seats, appointment of the executive officers, and any further authority as deemed necessary by the existing Senate.

Section 5: ASEOU President. The ASEOU President shall be elected via popular vote in a general election in the spring of each academic year. The ASEOU President shall serve a term that begins on the last Friday of the spring term after the general election and ends on the last Thursday of the spring term in the following year. The ASEOU President shall preside over Senate meetings. The ASEOU President shall vote in the Senate only in cases when it is necessary to determine the passage of the legislation. The ASEOU President cannot vote in cases that involve presidential veto override legislation.

A. The ASEOU President shall have non line-item veto power in the Senate. The ASEOU President must execute the veto power within seven (7) academic days after the vote. The Senate may then override this veto with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the ASEOU Senate and must do so within seven (7) academic days of the veto presentation.

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B. Between the end of the election and the last Friday of finals week of the spring term, the newly elected ASEOU Student Body President will be known as the Interim President with the sole responsibility of presiding over meetings of the Interim Senators. The Interim President is granted all powers defined within the constitution as belonging to the ASEOU President during this time, as pertaining to the Interim Senate. The Interim President may attend training during this time to fulfill the training requirement associated with officially becoming the ASEOU Student Body President.

Section 6: Judicial Board. The Judicial Board shall be composed of three (3) adjudicators. These adjudicators shall apply to and be appointed by the Senate or the Interim Senate during the spring term after the general election. Each adjudicator shall serve a term that begins on the last Friday of the spring term after the general election and ends on the last Thursday of the spring term in the following year. The Judicial Board shall resolve student government disputes and interpret this constitution. These adjudicators may not be members of another part of the ASEOU Student Government.

Section 7: Recognized Officers. Recognized officers of the ASEOU Student Government shall include: the ASEOU President, all ASEOU Senators, all Judicial Board members, the Vice President for Political Affairs, the Vice President for Campus Affairs, and the Vice President for Financial Affairs, who is also the Student Fee Committee Chair.

A. Each of the officers not elected during the general election shall apply to and be appointed by the Senate or the Interim Senate during the spring term after the general election.

B. Assistants and interns are recognized officers of the ASEOU, but are appointed by the officer under whom they serve.

ARTICLE IV

(Eligibility for all ASEOU Officers)

Section 1: To be eligible to apply or run for ASEOU Student Government office, candidates shall:

A. Be a member of ASEOU.

B. Have a 2.5 cumulative GPA of the courses taken at Eastern Oregon University.

1. Transfer credits shall solely be considered until a basis for GPA at Eastern Oregon University has been established.

a. A basis for GPA at Eastern Oregon University shall be considered established after two (2) full-time quarters, or three (3) part or half-time quarters at Eastern Oregon University. After that point, transfer credits no longer apply.

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A. If there is a vacant seat on the Judicial Board, either ASEOU Senators or Interim Senators may appoint ASEOU members who apply for the vacant Judicial Board seats.¶

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b. After a basis for GPA has been established at Eastern Oregon University, the GPA from this institution shall receive sole consideration.

C. Be in good academic and behavioral standing with Eastern Oregon University.

Section 2: To maintain office one shall:

- A. Attend a required training during one's term of office.
- B. Maintain a 2.0 GPA each quarter at Eastern Oregon University.
- C. Be enrolled in and complete at least twelve (12) credit hours per quarter at Eastern Oregon University, or achieve academic progress as long as graduation results no later than the end of spring term of the current academic year.

1. Eastern Oregon University online and partner school credits may be included for the acquisition of this total.

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2. Enrolling in credits designed to be completed over two (2) quarters will not affect a student's eligibility to maintain office. This rule applies even if the action results in the student dropping below twelve (12) credit hours per quarter or not maintaining academic progress. However, a minimum of twenty-four (24) total credit hours must be completed by the end of the second (2nd) of those two (2) quarters.

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D. Be in good academic and behavioral standing with Eastern Oregon University.

E. Perform duties and responsibilities of the given office.

Section 3: ASEOU officers not meeting eligibility guidelines shall immediately be considered by the senate for resignation or impeachment.

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A. Eligibility shall be checked during the fifth (5th) week of the academic term.

B. Summer term shall not be used for measuring eligibility regarding twelve (12) credit minimums.

C. A forced resignation requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.

ARTICLE V

(Impeachment)

Section 1: Impeachment.

A. Impeachment shall be defined as the bringing of charges against an ASEOU officer regarding an act inappropriate to his/her office.

1. Assistants and Interns may not be impeached. The supervising officer has sole discretion for the removal of assistants and/or interns.

B. Impeachable offenses include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Misappropriation of ASEOU funds.
- 2. Election fraud.
- 3. Inappropriate acts as deemed by the ASEOU Senate.
- 4. Failure to perform the duties and responsibilities of a given office.

C. The ASEOU Senate shall have the sole power to initiate (through legislation) and try all impeachment.

1. Impeachment shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the ASEOU Senate.
2. Impeachment procedures shall be established in the bylaws.
3. Impeachment is not subject to Presidential veto.
4. Impeachment is not subject to action by the ASEOU Judicial Board, with exception for appeals dealing with Senate procedural errors.

D. Once an ASEOU Student Government officer is removed from office as a result of an impeachment trial, for any reason, he/she is not ever eligible to hold another office within the ASEOU Student Government.

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ARTICLE VI

(ASEOU Official Records)

Section 1: All official documents of the ASEOU Student Government shall be kept in the ASEOU official records.

A. ASEOU official documents include, but are not limited to:

1. ASEOU Senate Roll Call
2. ASEOU Senate Voting Records
3. ASEOU Judicial Board Opinions
4. ASEOU Election Results
5. ASEOU Presidential Vetoes
6. ASEOU Bylaws
7. ASEOU Constitution
8. ASEOU Senate Meeting Minutes
9. ASEOU Legislation

Section 2: All official documents shall be considered public records.

ARTICLE VII

(Amendments)

Section 1: Amendments.

A. Amendments shall be known as changes to the ASEOU Constitution.

B. Amendments to the ASEOU Constitution shall adhere to the following process:

1. Must be initiated by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the ASEOU Senate.
2. Once the Senate has approved an amendment it must be ratified by a popular vote of the ASEOU members.
 - a. One (1) percent of the ASEOU members must vote in this election.
 - b. Two-thirds (2/3) of those votes cast must be in the affirmative.

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ARTICLE VIII

(Bylaws)

Section 1: Bylaws of the ASEOU Constitution shall include, but not be limited to: rules, procedures, and job descriptions of the ASEOU Student Government Officers.

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Section 2: The ASEOU Constitution shall take precedence over any ASEOU Bylaw, and in doing so, nullifies any conflict between the two (2) documents.

Section 3: Amendments to the ASEOU Bylaws must be initiated by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the ASEOU Senate.

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Section 4: Bylaws may not be suspended.

ARTICLE IX

(Enactment)

Section 1: This ASEOU Constitution shall be considered effective immediately following ratification by a majority of those voting in a campus-wide election. One (1) percent of the ASEOU members must vote in this election. The previous ASEOU Executive Staff shall administer elections to fill the positions established herein within thirty (30) academic days.

Section 2: This ASEOU Constitution shall supersede all previous Constitutions and Bylaws of the Associated Students of Eastern Oregon University. The Constitution of the State of Oregon and the Constitution of the United States of America shall supersede the ASEOU Constitution where applicable and where contradictions arise.

Section 3: If, for any reason, a position should need to be filled in the year(s) following the ratification of this document, said position shall be filled in the manner prescribed herein.

Section 4: Those persons elected under the guidelines of the previous Constitution shall maintain their office(s), but fall under the jurisdiction of this Constitution.