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PREAMBLE

By the authority of The Regents of the University of California and the President of the University of California, the Chancellor of the University of California, Irvine, authorizes the establishment and continuation of the Associated Students, University of California, Irvine (ASUCI). As an official unit of the University, ASUCI exercises authorities concerning student affairs by delegations from The Regents, the President, and the Chancellor. ASUCI and all its activities are integral parts of the University.

Within this authority, we, the undergraduate students of the University of California, Irvine, by the authority of the Regents of the University of California and the Chancellor of this campus, and as an autonomous constituency of this university community; desire, through independent action, or in concert with other constituencies of this university community, to provide a forum for the expression of the student views and interests, encourage and maintain the freedom to pursue knowledge, encourage student academic rights and responsibilities, represent and articulate our rights to a voice in campus governance, to enhance the quality of student life, and foster recognition of the rights of students in this university community; and in order to fulfill these aspirations, do, hereby ordain and establish this constitution.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the official undergraduate student government body shall be the Associated Students, University of California, Irvine, herein after referred to as ASUCI.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section A

A member of ASUCI shall be defined as any registered undergraduate student attending the University of California, Irvine. A voting member of ASUCI shall be defined as a member of ASUCI who has paid the established ASUCI fee.

Section B

All members of ASUCI shall be entitled to any privileges of membership, which include but are not limited to: participating in all ASUCI activities, and benefiting from ASUCI services and programs. All voting members of ASUCI shall be entitled to the privilege to vote in all ASUCI elections and to seek an ASUCI elected or appointed office.

Section C

As do all administrative units, ASUCI shall adhere to the UCI Campus Implementation of UC Policy of equal opportunity and non-discrimination. All members of ASUCI meeting the requirements herein after enumerated, are eligible and encouraged to seek, obtain, and hold office without discrimination or abridgment because of race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, economic status, political affiliation or ability.

ARTICLE III DISTRIBUTION OF POWERS

Section A

ASUCI shall be organized into three branches: the Legislative, the Executive, and the Judicial.

1. The Legislative Branch shall consist of the Senate.
2. The Executive Branch shall consist of the Executive Cabinet.
3. The Judicial Branch shall consist of the Judicial Board.

Section B

No person or group of persons in any one of these branches shall exercise power belonging to another branch, except as herein after expressly directed or permitted.

ARTICLE IV ASUCI SENATE

Section A

All legislative authority of ASUCI shall be vested in the Senate, which shall be the supreme policy-making body of ASUCI, and shall promote the welfare and the interests of the undergraduate students, subject to limitations herein enumerated.

Section B

The actions of the Senate shall be enacted upon a specific majority vote stipulated in the ASUCI By-Laws (hereinafter referred to as the By-laws) for a particular measure. The authority of the Senate shall include, but is not limited to:

1. Enacting legislation necessary and proper for the general welfare of the undergraduate students, according to this constitution;
2. Appropriating and allocating all ASUCI fee income. The Senate must also receive monthly financial statements in a timely manner, which accurately detail all income and expenditures of ASUCI funds during the month. Upon request they may be furnished with more detailed expense and income reports. Total appropriation in any fiscal year may not exceed the total income for that fiscal year. A three-quarter (3/4) vote of the Senate is required to authorize any appropriation which would effect a deficit between income and expenses for the fiscal year. No Senate may commit funds of any future administration with the exception of passing the annual budget for the next fiscal year;
3. Approving, by a majority vote of the Senators present, the appointments of Executive Officers, including but not limited to: executive cabinet chiefs of staff, executive cabinet directors, executive cabinet commissioners, student board representatives, Academic Senate representatives, and any other ASUCI representatives who represent students on any boards and committees;
4. Removing from office any non-elected person holding a position of responsibility in ASUCI, except Judicial Board members, by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Senators present and a majority vote of the Executive Cabinet, for failure to perform the duties assigned the office and for failure to uphold this constitution and the By-laws;
5. Establishing stipends of all elected or appointed ASUCI Officers from the ASUCI Treasury, as outlined in the By-laws;
6. Overriding the ASUCI Executive Cabinet's veto on any measure adopted by the Senate, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senators present (Any overriding of an Executive Cabinet veto shall be final and the measure immediately becomes legislation);
7. Establishing the procedures for elections, including, but not limited to, dates and times, upon submission by the Elections Commission;
8. Submitting amendments to this constitution as herein provided;
9. Establishing and amending all ASUCI Governing Documents, including the By-laws, and the ASUCI Elections Code, for the conduct of its business, each of which shall be subject to review and approval by the end of each academic year;
10. Establishing standing or ad hoc committees, e.g. Rules, Finance, Public Information, Advocacy, Committee on Committees, and Special Task Forces, to assist in any legislative recommendations;

11. Making statements to the public in the name of ASUCI on behalf of the Senate.

The duties of the Senate shall be contained in the By-laws.

Section C

The Senate membership shall be composed of the following:

1. **Elected School-Based Membership:** The majority of the elected members shall be elected by and from the Academic Units (degree granting unit) and shall be apportioned on the basis of the enrollment of each Academic Unit. Each Academic Unit shall be entitled to at least one Senator. Academic Unit apportionment shall be as follows: Undergraduate student enrollment of less than ten percent (10%) of the entire undergraduate student body shall entitle the Academic Unit to one (1) Senator, Undergraduate enrollment of greater than or equal to ten percent (10%) and less than fifteen percent (15%) shall entitle the Academic Unit to two (2) Senators, Undergraduate enrollment of greater than or equal to fifteen percent (15%) and less than twenty percent (20%) shall entitle the Academic Unit to three Senators, and Undergraduate student enrollment of greater than or equal to twenty percent (20%) shall entitle the Academic Unit to four (4) Senators. Membership may vary with the undergraduate enrollment in the Academic Units and by the possible addition of new Academic Units, or the removal of current Academic Units;
2. **Elected Campus-Wide Membership:** One (1) Senator shall be responsible for representing International Students and advocating for their concerns, one (1) Senator shall be responsible representing Transfer Students and advocating for their concerns, one (1) Senator shall be responsible for representing Incoming Freshmen Students and advocating for their concerns, one (1) Senator shall be representing students living in an On-Campus Housing community and advocating for their concerns, and one (1) Senator shall be responsible for representing students living in Off-Campus Housing and advocating for their concerns;
3. The remainder of Senate seats shall equal one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the total School-Based and Campus-Wide Senators, rounded up. These Senators shall be referred to as At-Large Senators, and are responsible for advocating for a specific issue of their choice facing students in addition to representing the issues of the student body At-Large;
4. Any vacant Senate seats shall be filled by the following process:
 - a. The Senate must call for a special election if more than one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the Senate seats are vacant.
 - i. If more than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the Senate seats are vacant, Judicial Board will issue a temporary injunction on all ASUCI Legislation, with the exception of any legislation pertaining to appointing members to vacant seats or ratifying special election results, until the vacancies are filled as stipulated in the Constitution.
 - b. If more than one-fifth ($\frac{1}{5}$) of the Senate seats are vacant, Senate may pass a legislation calling for a special election to fill these vacancies.
 - i. If there is no winner in the special election, either due to the lack of candidates or the disqualification of all eligible candidates during the special election, the Senate may fill that vacant seat via appointment, the process of which shall be enumerated in the By-laws.

- ii. If a special election will be held to fill a vacant seat, the Senate may appoint, on an interim or temporary basis, to fill that vacant seat until the results of the special election are ratified.
 - c. New Senate seats created due to changes in membership outlined in Article IV, Section C, Clauses 1 and 3, will be filled for the current academic year through a special election.
 - d. If there is a vacant seat on the Senate, the Senate may fill that vacant seat via appointment, the process of which shall be enumerated in the By-laws,
 - e. If there is a vacant seat on the Senate and the results of the ASUCI Spring Elections have been ratified, the candidate that was elected for that vacant seat in the Spring Election may be appointed by the Senate to serve the term of that vacant seat until the end of the current academic year;
5. Ex officio, non-voting memberships:
 - a. President
 - b. External Vice-President
 - c. Internal Vice-President
 - d. Academic Affairs Vice-President
 - e. Student Services Vice-President
6. Appointed, non-voting membership: Appointed, non-voting Senate seats shall be assigned by a simple majority vote of the voting members of the Senate and shall be stated and reviewed yearly in the By-Laws. The number of appointed, non-voting Senate members shall not exceed five (5). Each of the representatives are to be appointed nominated in writing by the club or organization from whence they come. Each representative must be a registered student in good standing (as determined by the Registrar), and must meet the membership criteria listed herein for Senate members.

Section D

The Senate President Pro Tempore shall be elected amongst the Senate at the first meeting of each quarter. The Senate President Pro Tempore shall serve their term for the entirety of that quarter and assumes all responsibilities enumerated in the ASUCI Constitution and By-laws. In the event that this position becomes vacant, the Senate shall elect, by majority vote at their next meeting, a new Senate President Pro Tempore from amongst themselves to serve for the remainder of the quarter.

The authority of the Senate President Pro Tempore shall be as follows:

1. Serves as the official representative of the ASUCI Senate;
2. Coordinates and organizes Senate meetings;
3. Serves as an ex-officio member of the Executive Cabinet to facilitate communication between the branches;
4. Having other powers and responsibilities as the Senate or By-laws may designate.

Section E

The qualifications for membership in Senate shall be as follows:

1. The term of office for Senate members shall be one full year, with the members elected in spring quarter. An elected Senate member shall assume office at noon on the first day of Commencement ceremonies. Appointed members shall assume office immediately

following the confirmation of their appointment and shall finish the term of office of the seat for which they were appointed;

2. Senators must meet all the requirements enumerated in Section VIII, Qualifications for ASUCI Officers.

ARTICLE V

ASUCI EXECUTIVE CABINET

Section A

All Executive authority shall be vested in the Executive Cabinet. The Executive Cabinet shall be comprised of the President, the External Vice-President, the Internal Vice-President, the Academic Affairs Vice President, and the Student Services Vice President.

Section B

The actions of the Executive Cabinet shall be enacted upon a majority vote of the Executive Cabinet. The authority of the Executive Cabinet shall include but is not limited to:

1. Preparing and presenting the annual ASUCI budget for approval by the Senate;
2. Nominating all appointments to the Judicial Board for approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate;
3. Administering the annual budget as approved by the Senate;
4. Vetoing, as seen fit, any legislation adopted by the Senate, provided an action be exercised only once per measure, and within five (5) business days from the date of the measure being passed, after which time, the measure shall become legislation with or without the Cabinet's approval;
5. Reviewing the responsibilities and duties of all ASUCI professional staff. The Executive Cabinet shall submit a review of all professional staff members to the Senate and make recommendations to the ASUCI Executive Director and Senate as necessary;
6. Assisting the Elections Commission with the promotion and publicity of ASUCI Elections, training and development of Election Commission staff and other resources as needed by the ASUCI Elections Commissioner;
7. Appointing executive chiefs of staff, commissioners and directors with a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Senate.
 - a. The incoming Executive Officers for the next academic year may appoint their chiefs of staff, commissioners and directors with a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the Senate, with the confirmation date coinciding with the start of the incoming Executive Officer's terms.

The duties of the Executive Cabinet shall be contained within the By-laws.

Section C

The qualifications and provisions for members in the Executive Cabinet shall be as follows:

1. Executive Officers shall be elected independently by and from the undergraduate students at-large. They shall be elected in the spring quarter and shall assume office at noon on the last day of spring quarter. Their terms of office shall be one year;

- a. In the event of vacancy in the Executive Cabinet, the next officer in the line of succession will serve as the interim Executive Officer until a special election is held and the Elections Commission verifies the results.
 - i. The line of succession is:
 1. External Vice-President
 2. Internal Vice-President
 3. Academic Affairs Vice-President
 4. Student Services Vice-President
 5. President
 - b. In the event that any Executive Officer is incapacitated or resigns, the Senate shall call for an immediate special election to replace them.
2. The following oath of office shall be administered to the Executive Officers by the chair of the Judicial Board or by the Vice Chair of the Judicial Board as designated by the Chair, during the tenth week of spring quarter;

"I, (name), do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of California, Irvine, and that I will execute the duties of my office to the best of my ability."
3. Executive officers must meet all the requirements enumerated in Article VIII, Qualifications for ASUCI Officers.

Section D

The authority of the Executive Cabinet shall be distributed as follows:

1. PRESIDENT

The President is responsible for issues involving the general welfare of students and administrative planning for the campus. The President serves as a liaison to the campus administration.

- a. Serves as Chief Executive Officer of ASUCI, and Chair of the Executive Cabinet.
- b. Has co-signature authorization with the External Vice President and Internal Vice President over all budgetary expenditures.
- c. Coordinates office management, ASUCI business operations, and personnel transactions with ASUCI Executive Director.
- d. Has co-signature authorization on contracts for ASUCI, in conjunction with the Executive Director and in accordance with University Policies and Procedures.
- e. Appoints, with a concurrent, simple majority of the voting members of the Senate present, their executive commissioners.

The duties of the President shall be contained within the By-laws.

2. EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

The External Vice President Office seeks to promote student advocacy on a statewide, local and national level in order to ensure the affordability, accessibility, quality and diversity of our University.

- a. Has co-signature authorization with the President and Internal Vice President over all budgetary expenditures.
- b. Coordinates all student-initiated voter registration efforts on campus.

- c. Serves as the student liaison to the local government, statewide and nationwide student associations and community.
- d. Develops and maintains programs relating to the civic enrichment of the undergraduate student body and local community.
- e. Appoints, with a concurrent, simple majority vote of the voting members of the Senate present, their executive commissioners.

The duties of the External Vice-President shall be contained within the By-laws.

3. INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

The Internal Vice President serves as the student representative in multiple campus administrative structures and advocates for student input regarding multiple areas around campus. The Internal Vice President also serves as the Chair of the Senate.

- a. Serves as Chair of the Senate, and votes only in the case of a tie.
- b. Has co-signature authorization with the President and External Vice President over all budgetary expenditures.
- c. Responsible for overseeing the internal management of ASUCI and campus projects
- d. Develops and maintains all administrative services that are overseen by ASUCI
- e. Develops and maintains programs relating to the quality of services offered by UC Irvine administration, and which maintains a level of transparency regarding such services.
- f. Appoints, with a concurrent, simple majority vote of the voting members of the Senate present, student representatives to all campus committees and regulatory boards, and coordinates and supervises such activities.
- g. Appoints, with a concurrent, simple majority vote of the voting members of the Senate present, their executive commissioners.

The duties of the Internal Vice-President shall be contained within the By-laws.

4. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS VICE-PRESIDENT

The Office of Academic Affairs strives to cultivate student leadership by raising awareness about the diverse and dynamic academic opportunities on campus, providing avenues of learning outside the classroom and empowering students to be advocates of the academic life here at UC Irvine.

- a. Represents the Associated Students on those matters relating to the educational quality at the University of California, Irvine.
- b. Serves as the ASUCI representative to the Academic Senate.
- c. Consults with the Academic Senate Officers regarding the appointment of student representatives to the Academic Senate Committees.
- d. Develops and maintains ASUCI programs relating to the academic enrichment for the undergraduate student body.
- e. Appoints, with a concurrent, simple majority vote of the voting members of the Senate present, ASUCI representatives to the Academic Senate.
- f. Appoints, with a concurrent, simple majority vote of the voting members of the Senate present, their executive commissioners.

The duties of the Vice-President of Academic Affairs shall be contained within the By-laws.

5. STUDENT SERVICES VICE-PRESIDENT

The Office of Student Services strives to provide the best possible experience on campus with respect to entertainment and recreational activities, and to promote student spirit throughout campus.

- a. Oversees ASUCI performance agreements.
- b. Develops and maintains all ASUCI programs relating to entertainment for the undergraduate student body.
- c. Disseminates publicity regarding ASUCI events, programs, services and organizations to the student body, the campus staff and faculty, and the community.
- d. Appoints, with a concurrent, simple majority vote of the voting members of the Senate present, their executive commissioners.

The duties of the Student Services Vice-President shall be contained within the By-laws.

ARTICLE VI ASUCI JUDICIAL BOARD

Section A

All the judicial authority of ASUCI shall be vested in the Judicial Board. The Judicial Board's authority shall extend to all judicial cases arising under this Constitution; the various By-laws of ASUCI; all official actions of the Executive Officers, Senators, and ASUCI Commissioners; and any matters delegated to the Judicial Board by the Senate.

Section B

The rulings of the Judicial Board shall be enacted upon a majority vote of all Judicial Board members. The authority of the Judicial Board shall include, but is not limited to:

1. Interpreting all parts of this Constitution;
2. Exercising the primary judicial powers of ASUCI, granting such judicial relief as permitted by this Constitution and ASUCI;
3. Exercising finality, in that all rulings of the Judicial Board shall be final: unless the Judicial Board is found to exceed their jurisdiction as seen by the Judicial Oversight Committee in accordance to Section E;
4. Nullifying any measure, or impeachment that is deemed unconstitutional and ordering the cessation of such actions;
5. Judging actions of the Executive or Legislative branches as to its constitutionality and ordering the cessation of such actions that are judged to be unconstitutional;
6. Serving as the Board of Appeals over any appeals in regards to decisions of the Elections Commission;
7. Reviewing weekly, all bills and resolutions adopted by the Senate with regards to the Constitution and the By-laws of ASUCI and submitting memos to the author of the legislation;
8. Investigating charges of violation of this Constitution, the By-laws, and all other rules and regulations of ASUCI;
9. Having other powers and responsibilities as may be delegated to it by the Chancellor of the University of the California, Irvine.

The duties of the Judicial Board shall be contained within the By-laws.

Section C

The qualifications and provisions for membership in the Judicial Board shall be as follows:

1. The Judicial Board shall consist of seven (7) undergraduate students, appointed by the Executive Cabinet and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members of the Senate present;
2. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be the officers of the Judicial Board;
3. In the event that the Executive Cabinet fails to submit a nomination(s) to the Senate within two (2) weeks of the occurrence of a vacancy, nominations may be made by any ASUCI elected representative. If an Executive Cabinet nomination is rejected by the Senate, the Executive Cabinet will have one (1) week to introduce another nomination before the right to nominate dissolves to the entire group of ASUCI elected representatives. If the Senate does not consider the nomination(s) to fill the vacancies within two (2) weeks of the nomination(s), the consideration of nomination(s) shall come before any other business. When vacancies occur, replacements shall serve a full term;
4. The term of office for Judicial Board members shall be two (2) years. A Judicial Board member shall assume office on the seventh (7th) day following the approval of their nomination by the Senate. Judicial Board members can only be removed from office according to impeachment procedures under Article X;
5. A Judicial Board member shall meet the requirements enumerated in Article VIII, Qualifications for ASUCI Officers;
6. A Judicial Board member must have also attained sophomore status as defined by the UCI Registrar at time of assuming office;
7. A Judicial Board member must not hold any other ASUCI elected or appointed office.

Section D

The authority of the Judicial Board Officers shall be distributed as follows:

1. JUDICIAL BOARD CHAIR
 - a. Exercises one vote on the Judicial Board.
 - b. Receives remuneration as determined by the Senate and funded from the ASUCI Treasury,
 - c. Is chosen by and from their peers on the Judicial Board at the beginning of each Academic year. The term of office of the Judicial Board Chair shall be one (1) year.
2. JUDICIAL BOARD VICE-CHAIR
 - a. Is chosen by their peers on the Judicial Board.
 - b. Receives remuneration as determined by the Senate and funded from the ASUCI treasury.
 - c. Serves as Judicial Board Chair on an interim basis should the Judicial Board Chair be absent, become incapacitated, resign, or be impeached, until the Executive Cabinet has nominated, and the Senate has approved a replacement Judicial Board member, at which time a new Judicial Board Chair shall be chosen by and from their peers on the Judicial Board. They shall serve until the end of the term of the previous chair.

The duties of the Judicial Board Chair and Vice-Chair shall be contained within the By-laws.

Section E

The authority of the Judicial Oversight Committee shall extend to all judicial cases arising where a party believes that the Judicial Board exceeds the boundaries of their jurisdiction under this constitution.

1. The Judicial Oversight Committee shall be comprised of one Executive Officer, one Senate Member, and the Chair of the Judicial Board. The ASUCI Executive Director shall serve as the non-voting chair of the Committee.
2. The Judicial Oversight Committee shall be activated by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Senate, signed by the majority of Senate and the majority of the Executive Cabinet.
 - a. The Judicial Oversight Committee can also be activated in the event a party appeals a Judicial Board ruling pertaining to ASUCI Elections.

The duties of the Judicial Board Oversight Committee shall be contained in the By-laws.

ARTICLE VII QUALIFICATIONS FOR ASUCI OFFICERS

Section A

All Senate representatives, Executive Officers and Judicial Board members shall herein be referred to as ASUCI Officers.

Section B

The qualifications for serving as an ASUCI Officer shall be as follows:

1. An ASUCI officer shall have been a registered undergraduate student at the University of California, Irvine throughout the academic quarter immediately prior to assuming office;
2. An ASUCI Officer shall have been a registered student, in good standing as defined by the UCI Registrar;
3. An ASUCI Officer shall forfeit their office within one (1) week upon failing to maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative and quarterly grade point average on a 4.0 scale during their term in office;
4. An ASUCI Officer shall not hold another ASUCI elected or appointed officer position during their term of office;
5. An ASUCI Officer shall not vote by proxy;
6. An ASUCI Officer may receive remuneration, as determined by action of the Senate. Remuneration is not guaranteed and can be withdrawn at the discretion of the Senate;
7. Each ASUCI Officer position shall be held by one person.

ARTICLE VIII ASUCI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Section A

The Executive Director shall be the administrative head of ASUCI professional staff and shall be responsible for the direction of the general student activities and operations of ASUCI. They shall also be responsible to the Executive Cabinet for the proper and efficient operation of the auxiliary enterprises, and the employment of all personnel who support the ASUCI. All employees of ASUCI are employees of the University.

Section B

In accordance with University of California, Irvine Policies and Procedures, the approval of the job description and the selection of the Executive Director shall be the responsibility of the Executive Cabinet and the Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs or designee. The selection of the Executive Director shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. The appointment and termination authority for the Executive Director is the Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs. The term of office shall be indefinite. Termination shall be in accordance with University of California, Irvine Policies and Procedures. A three-quarters (3/4) vote of all voting members of the Senate and a majority of the Executive Cabinet, shall be required to: (1) ask for the resignation of the Executive Director, and/or (2) issue a written, formal request to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, asking for the termination of the employment of the Executive Director.

Section C

The authority of the Executive Director shall include but is not limited to:

1. Serving as the official representative of ASUCI in all business and financial dealings;
2. Recommending to the Executive Cabinet, policies for the administration of ASUCI operations, staffing, facilities, and auxiliary enterprises;
3. Keeping a suitable system of accounts, records, and books for the ASUCI and its various activities, all of which shall be kept in standard form so that a true statement of ASUCI's financial status may be prepared at any time;
4. Supervise all ASUCI employees in accordance with University of California Policies and Procedures;
5. Hiring all ASUCI professional staff and ensuring there is equal representation between students and staff on any hiring committee;
6. Being responsible to provide, at reasonable notice, any information pertaining to the functioning of the ASUCI, upon the request of the Senate or Executive Cabinet;
7. Supervising the collection and expenditures of all ASUCI moneys, in accordance with University of California Policies and Procedures;
8. Investing money in the name of ASUCI with the approval of the Executive Cabinet, in accordance with University of California Policies and Procedures;
9. Borrowing in the name of ASUCI with the approval of the Executive Cabinet and the Senate only when in session;
10. Being responsible for the appointment and removal of ASUCI staff employees, providing, at the request of the Senate, all information pertaining to any personnel action. This information shall be provided in accordance with University Policy and Procedures. The Executive Director is also responsible for reporting all actions taken in this regard to the President on a frequent and regularly consultative basis; and
11. Acting as trustee for ASUCI in maintaining financial accounts for various University of California, Irvine student organizations.

ARTICLE IX

ANTEATER EXPRESS LEADERSHIP

Section A

The Leadership shall be the administrative head(s) of the Anteater Express staff and shall be responsible to the Executive Cabinet for the direction of the activities and operations of Anteater Express. They shall also be responsible for the proper and efficient operation of the auxiliary enterprises, and the employment of all personnel who support the Anteater Express. Specific personnel will be deemed under the management and support of the corresponding ASUCI staff as applicable.

Section B

The selection and job description of the Anteater Express Leadership shall be the responsibility of the ASUCI Executive Director, with consultation from the Executive Cabinet, in accordance with University of California, Irvine Policies and Procedures. The Leadership shall be appointed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. The term of the Leadership shall be indefinite and shall be terminated by written notice of the ASUCI Executive Director, in accordance with University of California, Irvine Policies and Procedures. A three-quarters (3/4) vote of all voting members of the Senate and a majority of the Executive Cabinet, shall be required to: (1) ask for the resignation of the Leadership, and/or (2) issue a written, formal request to the ASUCI Executive Director, asking for the termination of the employment of the Leadership.

Section C

The authority of the Leadership shall include but is not limited to:

1. Serving as the official representative of Anteater Express in all business and financial dealings;
2. Recommending to the Executive Cabinet, policies for the administration of Anteater Express operations, personnel, and facilities;
3. Keeping a suitable system of accounts, records, and books for the Anteater Express and its various activities, all of which shall be kept in standard form so that a true statement of Anteater Express' financial status may be prepared at any time;
4. Being responsible to provide, at reasonable notice, any information pertaining to the functioning of the Anteater Express, upon the request of the Senate or Executive Cabinet;
5. Supervising the collection and expenditures of all Anteater Express moneys;
6. Being responsible for the appointment and removal of Anteater Express staff employees with consultation of the ASUCI Executive Director, providing, at the request of the Senate, all information pertaining to any personnel action, and reporting all actions taken in this regard to the President on a frequent and regularly consultative basis.

ARTICLE X

STUDENT-INITIATED PROPOSALS

Section A

1. **STUDENT-INITIATED SENATE LEGISLATION RECALL**
 - a. Any legislation adopted by the Senate may be subject to a recall vote of the undergraduate students upon presentation of a petition, signed by a minimum of five percent (5%) of the undergraduate students presented to the Senate President

Pro-Tempore. The Senate President Pro-Tempore will put the recall petition to be considered at the beginning of the next Senate meeting. Senate shall then either repeal said legislation, or submit the same legislation to a vote of the undergraduate students, not less than fifteen (15) academic days or more than one (1) academic quarter from the presentation of the petition to the Senate.

- b. Regular election procedures shall be followed as prescribed in the Elections Code.
 - c. A majority (fifty percent plus one) vote, with at least twenty percent (20%) of the undergraduate students voting, shall be required to repeal said legislation.
 - d. Legislation repealed in the above manner shall not be adopted again for at least one (1) year from the day the results are declared official.
2. STUDENT-INITIATED SENATE LEGISLATION PROPOSAL
- a. The undergraduate students shall have the power to initiate legislation upon presentation of a petition, signed by a minimum of five percent (5%) of the undergraduate students, to the Senate President Pro-Tempore. The Senate President Pro-Tempore will put the legislation proposal to be considered at the beginning of the next Senate meeting. Upon presentation of such petition, the Senate shall then either pass said legislation, or submit the same legislation to a vote of the undergraduate students, not less than fifteen (15) academic days or more than two (2) academic quarters from the date of presentation to the Senate.
 - b. Regular election procedures shall be followed as prescribed in the Elections Code.
 - c. A majority (fifty percent plus one) vote, with at least twenty percent (20%) of the undergraduate students voting, shall be required to adopt said legislation.
 - d. Legislation adopted in the above manner shall have precedence over all Senate legislation, and the Senate may adopt no contradicting legislation for at least one (1) year from the day the results are declared official.
3. FEE INITIATIVES
- a. This constitution shall govern fee initiatives for the ASUCI fee. All other fee initiatives shall be governed by applicable guidelines approved by the Chancellor.
 - b. The undergraduate students shall have the power to initiate a self-assessed fee either by a formal vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate or by means of a petition signed by no less than eight percent (8%) of the undergraduate students.
 - c. Upon presentation of a fee petition, or approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate, the Senate shall submit the fee initiative to a vote of the undergraduate students not less than fifteen (15) academic days or more than two (2) academic quarters.
 - d. All fee initiatives affecting the undergraduate students shall follow regular election procedures as prescribed in the Elections Code.
 - e. All fee initiatives must also comply with the University of California policy regarding student fees. This includes review of the fee initiative by the appropriate campus bodies, which includes but is not limited to, SFAC (Student Fee Advisory Committee), UCOP (University of California Office of the President) and other campus bodies as appropriate.
 - f. A vote of at least sixty percent (60%), with at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the undergraduate students voting, shall be necessary to adopt all self-assessed fees.
 - g. The Senate shall approve the election process in accordance with the Elections Code. The Chancellor shall make final approval.

procedure for the selection of the Elections Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners shall be as follows:

- a. There will be a committee comprised of one Executive Cabinet member, the Senate President Pro-Tempore and the Chair of Judicial Board; this committee shall be responsible for overseeing the selection process for the Elections Commissioner. If there is no current Senate President Pro-Tempore, a Senator designated by the Senate will serve in lieu of the position. If there is no current Chair of Judicial Board, then the Vice-Chair of Judicial Board will serve in lieu of the position. If there is no current Vice-Chair of Judicial Board, then a Justice designated by the Judicial Board will serve in lieu of the position.
 - b. The committee shall be tasked with supervising the application process for the Elections Commissioner and Deputy Elections Commissioners. The committee shall convene and interview the candidates for Elections Commissioner and recommend at least one (1) candidate but no more than three (3) candidates to the Senate for a final interview. The committee shall convene and interview the candidates for Deputy Elections Commissioner and recommend at least one (1) candidate but no more than six (6) candidates to the Senate for a final interview.
 - c. The Senate shall be tasked with conducting the final interview for the Elections Commissioner and Deputy Elections Commissioner. The Senate may reject all candidates recommended for either the Elections Commissioner position or the Deputy Elections Commissioner Position. If the Senate rejects all the candidates recommended for a position, the committee shall be required to reconvene and conduct the application process for either the Elections Commissioner or Deputy Elections Commissioner with the process aforementioned.
 - d. The Senate shall appoint the Elections Commissioner and Deputy Elections Commissioner by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote. The confirmation date of the Elections Commissioner and Deputy Elections Commissioner will be the date of the approval of the legislation. The term of the Elections Commissioner and Deputy Elections Commissioner shall be from the confirmation date until the end of the academic year they were appointed for. The committee may convene and conduct the selection process for the Elections Commissioner and Deputy Elections Commissioner during the spring quarter for the next academic year.
 - e. If the Election Commissioner position is vacant, the business of appointing the Elections Commissioner shall come before any other business in the Senate.
 - i. If the Elections Commissioner position is vacant when a special election is called for or during the winter or spring quarter, Judicial Board shall issue a temporary injunction on all Senate legislation until an Elections Commissioner is appointed, with the exception of the legislation regarding the appointment of the Elections Commissioner.
3. Any decision of the Elections Commission shall be final unless appealed to the Judicial Board. Any ruling of the Judicial Board with regards to elections shall be final unless appealed to the Judicial Oversight Committee.
 4. One (1) regular election shall be held each year during the spring quarter.
 5. Special elections must be held at the request of a validated legislation proposal, legislation recall, fee initiative, impeachment petition, in the case of resignation or incapacitation of an Executive Cabinet member, or to fill Senate vacancies.

- a. Special elections must be held within five (5) academic weeks from the passage date of the ASUCI legislation calling for the special election.
6. The specific dates for regular and special elections shall be set by the Senate as prescribed in the Elections Code.
7. The Elections Commissioner shall be advised directly by the ASUCI Executive Director or designee.
8. The Elections Commissioner shall also be responsible for reporting to the Senate with regards to ASUCI Elections.
9. The Executive Cabinet shall assist the Elections Commissioner with respects to the promotion and publicity of ASUCI Elections and with the training and staff development of the Elections Commission.
 - a. In the event that a member of the Executive Cabinet or Elections Commission is running in an election, they shall be recused of their duties.
10. The Elections Commissioner may be subject to removal from their position in accordance with Article IV, Section B, Clause IV.

Section B

1. The Elections Commission shall hold all authority pertaining to ASUCI Elections. The Elections Commission shall be responsible for organizing and executing elections as per the By-laws, Elections Code, and Article X of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XII AUXILLARY SERVICES

Section A

The Associated Students of the University of California Irvine shall provide the following services to the undergraduate student body:

1. Anteater Express Transportation
2. ASUCI Discount Tickets
3. ASUCI Vendor Fair
4. Any other services as designated by the ASUCI Executive Director, Executive Cabinet, Senate, and/or ASUCI Governing Documents.

Section B

The ASUCI Executive Cabinet and the professional staff will be responsible to preserve the solvency of these auxiliary services. The ASUCI Executive Director and Executive Cabinet will be responsible for advising and oversight of all these operations.

Section C

The removal of any auxiliary services housed under ASUCI will require a three-fourths (3/4) vote of Senate and four-fifths (4/5) of Executive Cabinet.

ARTICLE XIII CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A

Amendments to this Constitution may be made by either of the following two (2) methods:

1. Upon approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voting members of the Senate.
2. Upon presentation of a petition, signed by five percent (5%) of the undergraduate students to the Senate.

Upon fulfillment of either (1) or (2) above, the Senate shall submit said amendment to a vote of the undergraduate students. Regular election procedures shall be followed as prescribed by the Elections Code and the last paragraph of Article X of this Constitution.

Section B

The Senate shall arrange for proper publicity of the election, which shall include, but is not limited to, the publications and broadcast of the full text of the amendment in the various student media during the school week prior to the election. Full texts shall also be made available at the polls and at the other regular distribution locations.

Section C

A two-thirds (2/3) vote, with at least twenty percent (20%) of the Associated Students voting and the approval of the Chancellor, shall be required for the adoption of the amendment(s).

ARTICLE XIV BY-LAWS

Section A

The ASUCI By-Laws shall supplement the ASUCI Constitution by outlining procedures to be used in conducting ASUCI business and operations and in carrying out individual responsibilities of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches.

Section B

ASUCI By-laws shall be established and/or amended by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Senate.

Section C

Amendments to the By-laws shall be proposed and automatically tabled one (1) school week prior to the vote by the Senate, to allow for their review.

ARTICLE XV STUDENT RIGHTS

Section A

We, the Associated Students, University of California, Irvine, hold the following to be the basic rights of students. It is binding on ASUCI to recognize these rights, and where necessary, protect and nurture them.

1. Students shall not be restricted in their freedom of investigation and expression.
2. Students have the right to organize.
3. Students shall be free to choose their associates without fear or consequence.
4. Students have the right to privacy.
5. Students have the right to influence decisions which affect them.
6. Students have the right to seek redress from grievances.
7. A student's academic progress shall be evaluated solely on the basis of their academic performance.
8. Student communications media shall have the right to editorial independence.
9. The enumeration of certain rights herein shall not inhibit those rights guaranteed students by the Constitution of the United States of America, or any state, municipal, or university-granted rights.

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