ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

OF THE

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA SOUTH

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We, the Associated Students of the University of Arizona South (hereafter known as ASUAS), in the belief that students have the right and the obligation to play a significant role in guiding their university, do hereby establish this Constitution to ensure the following: the articulation of student opinions and interests both in the governance of the university and to the community at large; the encouragement of the greatest level of cooperation and communication between students and student organizations; the assurance that students have full access to quality higher education at the University of Arizona South; the provision for programs and services of benefit to students; and the encouragement of the highest level of excellence in education at the University of Arizona South.

DATE OF ADOPTION: 08-07-2004

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ARTICLE I NAME and MEMBERSHIP

The name of this organization shall be the Associated Students of the University of Arizona South (ASUAS).

Membership shall consist of all undergraduate students registered at the University of Arizona South.

The ASUAS Executive Board shall consist of five (5) student appointed members and one (1) ex-officio faculty/staff member; appointed by the ASUAS President and approved by the board.

The advisor must be a full-time faculty/staff member of the university. The executive board members shall exercise full voting rights and privileges; the faculty/staff member will be non-voting ex-officio.

ARTICLE II MISSION STATEMENT

The Student Government shall be responsible for the effective functioning of student life within the framework of this constitution.

The University of Arizona South Student Government exists to foster and enhance communications between the student body and the university; to provide a focus for discussing and defining the role of the students in the university; to represent and advocate their concerns

within the university community and statewide; to serve as a resource for student inquires and request; to advise and make recommendations on existing and proposed university policies and procedures.

ARTICLE III STIPENDS

The Executive Board members shall receive stipends in the method and amount designated by the Dean of UA South of the previous year.

Faculty and staff personnel who serve as the Advisor will receive a stipend per student service fee committee approval.

ARTICLE IV AUTHORITY

The executive and legislative authority of the ASUAS shall be vested in the Student Executive Board.

ARTICLE V STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Section 1. NAME: The officers of the ASUAS shall be known as the ASUAS-Student Government.

Section 2. STUDENT EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. The Student Government Executive Board shall be led by the following five officers: President, Administrative Vice President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Administrative Assistant.

B. Officers shall serve for one academic year: August 1st-May 31st.

C. Officers shall serve no more than two consecutive terms in their elected position and must reapply for second term.

Section 3. QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

A. A candidate for an executive office shall be an undergraduate student of the University of Arizona South, with a minimum of six (6) credit hours, during the academic year of election and during the term of office.

B. A candidate must maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average or higher during the term of office. No student on Academic or Disciplinary probation may run for or hold Student Government Office.

C. A candidate must have a basic knowledge of the Constitution and Bylaws.

D. Officers shall not hold office in any other University of Arizona student organization or club during their tenure as a president officer.

Section 4. FUNCTIONS OF THE STUDENT EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. Shall provide a foundation for communication between students, faculty, staff, administration and the local community.

B. Serve as the legislative body for approval of budget expenditures for students' events, socials and to support student academic endeavors.

Section 5. CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

A. Executive Vice-President shall grant charters to new organizations or clubs.

B. Approve student organizations that maintain an active status of at least 5 members by sending a representative to ASUAS.

C. Approve request for funds.

D. The Executive Vice President shall serve as a liaison between the Student Executive Board and active organizations.

Section 6. MEETINGS

A. Shall be called once a month of the fall and spring semesters.

B. Special meetings can be called by the President. Notice of a special meeting **must** be posted 24 hours before the meeting is opened.

C. A quorum shall consist of the majority of the Executive Officers.

D. Business will not be conducted unless a quorum is present.

E. The Advisor shall be kept informed of the proceedings of all meetings and activities and shall be encouraged to attend meetings regularly.

F. An agenda for each meeting shall be available and posted online 24 hours in advance.

G. Minutes shall be taken at each general meeting, read, and approved at the following meeting.

Section 7. HIRING COMMITTEE

A. The Hiring Committee shall consist of the Administrative Vice-President, and if he/she is not available then another Executive Board member will be asked to attend, one other board member, and the ASUAS advisor as deemed necessary by Human Resources.

B. The Hiring Committee shall hear any and all complaints concerning conduct during elections. The Hiring Committee shall have the power to disqualify any candidate where, serious irregularities have occurred.

C. The Hiring Committee shall not endorse any individual or group for any elective office.

PRE-APPOINTMENT

D. The Administrative Vice-President shall know when:

a. Applications can be picked up, where applications can be turned in, and due date for said applications.

b. Interviews are to be scheduled no later than March 15th.

E. Applications-The following regulations shall be observed:

a. Applications not returned and signed by the appointed date and time shall be declared invalid.

b. All applications will be checked to ensure they contain a valid signature to place the prospective candidate as an interviewee.

c. Applicants shall be enrolled with a minimum of six (6) credits at the University of Arizona South.

ARTICLE VI INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, RECALL AND IMPEACHMENT

Section 1. The University of Arizona South student body shall have the power to initiate new rules and regulations. The Student Executive Board shall vote on the proposed legislation. A two-thirds vote of the Student Executive Board shall pass the legislation, and it will become effectively immediately. If it does not pass, the text must be published and posted within 10 days and a special election held within 15 days after the filing of the petition. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the University of Arizona South student body must vote in a special election for the election to be valid. A majority of the legal votes cast shall be sufficient to pass such legislation. Students have the ability to change constitution if so desired.

Section 2. Any rules and regulation passed by the Student Government shall be subject for 21 days to a referendum vote of the student body. A written petition signed by 25% of the electorate shall be necessary for the referendum. The petition shall be presented to the Student Government, who shall publish the text within 10 days and call a special meeting within 15 days after the filing of the petition. Twenty-five (25%) of the student body must vote in the special election to be valid. A majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to rescind action.

Section 3. Impeachment may be brought against any officer for misuse of office, excessive absences from meetings or failure to fulfill duties of the office. Impeachment may be brought against any officer for misuse of office, excessive unexcused absences from meetings or failure to fulfill duties of the office. A vote must be approved by a majority vote of the Student Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII FUNDING AND FINANCES

Section 1. Funding for student activities are received from three different accounts. Student Executive Board is not allowed to raise funds.

Section 2. Expenditures of student activity monies shall be voted on by the Student Executive Board and acknowledged by the Advisor.

Section 3. All requests for funding assistance from the student groups shall be formally presented to the Student Executive Board.

Section 4. All funding request and paperwork should be submitted to the UA South Business Department, filed and archived by the Administrative Assistant.

Section 5. The Treasurer should document and record all funding activity. Associated Students of the University of Arizona South.

ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF THE ADVISOR

Section 1. The Associate Dean of the University of Arizona South shall approve the Advisor selected by the Student Executive Board.

Section 2. The Advisor or representative shall be informed of all meetings.

Section 3. Duties of the Advisor

A. Supports student activities by attendance and participation when possible.

B. Provides assistance to student organizations.

C. Is available to give advice and answer questions.

D. Provides guidance in the development of leadership.

E. Abides all constitutional requirements.

F. Serves as an ex-officio member of Student Executive Board

ARTICLE IX NOT FOR PROFIT STATEMENT

This is a not-for-profit organization.

ARTICLE X STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The Associated Students of the University of Arizona South shall not discriminate on the basis of age, color, ethnicity, gender, national origin, disability or handicap, race, religion, sexual orientation, Vietnam Era veteran status. This policy will include, but is not limited to recruiting, membership, organization, activities or opportunities to hold office. (As exempted by Federal Law, Greek Social Organizations may omit gender.)

ARTICLE XI STATEMENT OF NON HAZING

The Associated Students of the University of Arizona South will not conspire to engage in hazing, participate in hazing or commit bodily damage, physical harm or personal degradation, or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person attending the institution.

ARTICLE XII STATEMENT COMPLIANCE WITH CAMPUS REGULATIONS

The Associated Students of the University of Arizona South shall comply with all university and campus policies and regulation and local, state and federal laws.