



Grays Harbor College

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE

CONSTITUTION

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THE CONSTITUTION
of the Associated Students of Grays Harbor College

PREAMBLE

We, the students of Grays Harbor College, aim to enhance every student's experience by providing students a means to be represented in college decision-making and fostering communication among all students, faculty, and staff. We hereby establish this constitution as the governing foundations for student self-governance of this college.

ARTICLE I RECOGNITION

Section 1

The student body shall now and hereafter be known as the Associated Students of Grays Harbor College (ASGHC), and hereinafter referred to as Associated Students.

Section 2

The recognized governing body of the Associated Students shall be known as the Executive Board.

ARTICLE II AUTHORITY

Section 1

The Executive Board shall have the authority, as granted by the Board of Trustees of Grays Harbor College to legislate, represent, and regulate the resources and collective voice of the Associated Students.

Section 2

If ratified by the members, this constitution and by-laws shall become effective July 1, 2024.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

All students enrolled in one (1) or more college credit hours at Grays Harbor College are members of the Associated Students.

Section 2

Membership shall grant the right to vote in all ASGHC special elections and to be represented by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1

The representative officers of the ASGHC shall comprise the Executive Board and the positions will be established in the By-Laws.

Section 2

The duties, responsibilities, selection process, and vacancy procedures related to the members of the Executive Board shall be defined and stated in the By-laws.

Section 3

The leading college administrator of Student Life, or their assigned designated representative, shall be an Ex-Officio member of the Executive Board, without voting privileges, and with the responsibility of acting as Executive Board advisor.

ARTICLE V JUDICIAL REVIEW

Section 1

In all cases and/or controversies of the interpretation regarding this Constitution and the By-Laws, judicial review shall be applied: the issue of interpretation will be brought formally to an Executive Board session as an agenda item, and be interpreted as part of the official record of the ASGHC through legislative action.

ARTICLE VI APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1

The Executive Board shall have the responsibility and authority to appoint students to committees, as specified in the By-laws, and as needed or requested. Students selected as appointed representatives through this process may also be recalled, through legislative action further described in the By-laws.

ARTICLE VII CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section 1

Any ASGHC Student member may propose amendments to this Constitution by submitting proposals through any member of the Executive Board and gaining their sponsorship for official consideration of the proposal through Executive Board legislative action. If no student Executive Board members are willing to sponsor the proposed amendment, GHC students may have their proposal sponsored for Executive Board consideration at the discretion of the ASGHC Advisor.

A. Sponsored proposals must be filed, reviewed, and considered by the Executive Board as legislative business in the following manner:

1. Amendment proposals must be made public to the ASGHC through standard advertising practices for two weeks and read and discussed at two (2) consecutive Executive Board meetings prior to a vote of the Executive Board.

2. Sponsored proposals under consideration of the Executive Board , must go to the Lead Administrator of Student Life and the Vice President for Student Services for administrative review. Recommendations, comments, and concerns as a result of this administrative review must be presented to the Executive Board prior to the final vote of the Executive Board..

B. After this review, proposed amendments to this Constitution must be approved by an 2/3 affirmative vote of the voting members of the Executive Board at a regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE VIII BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Section 1

The Executive Board shall make and amend the By-Laws of the ASGHC.

Section 2

Amendment proposals must be made public to the ASGHC through standard advertising practices for two weeks and read and discussed at two (2) consecutive Executive Board meetings prior to a vote of the Executive Board.

Section 3

Sponsored By-Law amendments under consideration of the Executive Board, must go to the Lead Administrator of Student Life and the Vice President for Student Services for administrative review. Recommendations, comments, and concerns as a result of this administrative review must be presented to the Executive Board prior to the final vote of the Executive Board.

Section 4

Approved amendments will not take effect until distributed to all the members of the Executive Board and published by the Student Life office.