



Article I -- Preamble Section 1: Preamble **CONSTITUTION**

We, the students of College of Education, UW – Seattle, in order to provide a representative student organization, hereby form the Associated Students of the College of Education (ASCE), and establish this Constitution. The purpose of ASCE is to represent and advocate on behalf of the College of Education student body to university administration and local, state, and national governing bodies. ASCE is mandated to provide a unified forum for inter--college dialogue, organized student involvement, and the distribution of services, resources, and programs that benefit the greater student population.

Article II -- Purpose

The Associated Students of the College of Education act on behalf of the student body of the College of Education (COE) in three chief ways. First, we aim to create a positive culture and atmosphere in the COE for all students, primarily by connecting with one another, faculty and staff as a means to establish more meaningful relationships that will lead to greater academic collaboration and support. Second, we will serve as the student government for the COE, advocating on the behalf of students, and acting as a liaison between COE students and the administrations of the college and the university. Third, we aim to strengthen professional development opportunities by making them available and accessible to all students in the college.

Article III-- Membership

Section 1: Membership Criteria

All students who are enrolled in degree seeking programs at the College of Education, UW – Seattle, are members of ASCE, during quarters for which they are enrolled in at least one credit hour.

Section 2: Rights of Membership

All students who meet the above definition of membership shall be guaranteed the following rights which shall be further delineated within the Bylaws:

- A. The right to petition ASCE to address issues of concern
- B. The right to representation and advocacy
- C. The right to active engagement
- D. The right to attend open ASCE meetings and view documents and procedures

Article IV – ASCE Officers

Section 1: Officers

All officers shall be elected by members of the College of Education and shall consist of:

1. One Out--Going Chair, who is elected as the In--Coming Chair in prior year. This person will serve as one of two Faculty Council Representatives.
2. One In--Coming Chair, who will serve as one of two Faculty Council Representatives.
3. One Public Relations Chair
4. Social Chair
5. At--Large Representatives:
 - a. Up to six students representing both domestic and international students to serve on the Diversity

Committee .

- b. One (up to 8 chairs) representing the COE to the Graduate & Professional Student Senate.
6. Four (4) Chairs (along with possible 4 co--chairs) of Standing Committees Mirroring Faculty Council. These are subject to change depending on the organization of faculty governance:
 - a. Student Support
 - b. Budget (Treasurer)
 - c. Diversity
 - d. Academic Programs
7. Undergrad chair??

Section 2: Responsibilities of the Officers

1. Officers are expected to attend all meetings. When conflicts arise, officers are required to appoint a proxy, and notify the In--Coming Chair of that individual's proxy power.
2. The officers shall exercise all responsibilities as laid out in this Constitution and as defined in the Bylaws, including but not limited to serving as the student voice, advocating for students, administering programs and informing the college about all student--sponsored activities, distributing funds from the University of Washington student government, and creating committees as needed.

Section 3: Removal of an Officer

1. If an officer fails to attend more than two (2) meetings in a year without prior approval from the president, or delegation and assignment of proxy power, that officer shall be impeached by a simple majority vote of the officers through a process further delineated by the bylaws.
2. If an officer fails to exercise any of the responsibilities of their office as laid out in this Constitution or the bylaws, that officer shall be impeached by a two--thirds (2/3) majority vote of the officers through a process further delineated by the bylaws.¹

Section 4: Selection of Replacements

If a position becomes vacant by any means, a special appointment process shall be initiated as provided in the Bylaws in order to fill that position in a timely fashion.

Section 5: Non--Elected Representatives

1. Along with elected officers, ASCE shall hold open representative seats that reflect the COE student population:
 - a. PhD Student Representatives (e.g. 500 students = 5 representatives)
 - b. MEd Student Representatives (e.g. 300 students = 3 representatives)
 - c. MIT Student Representatives (see above)
 - d. EdD Student Representatives
 - e. EdS Student Representatives
 - f. Undergraduate Representatives

¹ The voting majority is different in section 2 from section 1 intentionally. Section 2 deals with context specific responsibilities so the framers of this document suggest a larger percentage vote.

Section 6: Responsibilities of the Non--Elected Representatives

1. Non--Elected Representatives are expected to attend at least 2/3rds of all ASCE meetings. When conflicts arise, officers are required to appoint a proxy, and notify the In--Coming Chair of that individual's proxy power.
2. The Representatives shall exercise all responsibilities as laid out in this Constitution and as defined in the Bylaws, including but not limited to serving as the student voice, advocating for students, administering programs and informing the college about all student--sponsored activities, distributing funds from the University of Washington student government, and creating committees as needed.

Article V-- Bylaws

The ASCE Officers shall retain the authority to establish and amend the bylaws to further define the powers and scope of the organization, permitting that such bylaws do not contradict the statutes of this Constitution.²

Article VI-- Elections

Selection of representatives shall be held during the spring quarter of each year and shall be conducted according to the provisions outlined in the bylaws. The out--going undergraduate representative shall recruit undergraduate representative candidates in the spring to assist in said candidates fulfilling the meeting attendance eligibility requirement.

Article VII -- Constitutional Amendments

Section 1: Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the ASCE officers or a majority of the ASCE membership.

Section 2: Notices

A notice will be sent to the ASCE listserv a week prior to the vote and all amendments will be discussed in a meeting at least one week prior to the vote.

² The framers of this document view the Constitution as the basic foundation of the organization (purpose, values, intent, organization structure) while the Bylaws constitute the more specific functions and responsibilities of the organization. The Constitution will likely remain unchanged year- to-year while the Bylaws are designed to be more flexible and may be altered on a more regular basis depending on the organization's needs.