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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY TEMPE CAMPUS

TITLE I

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY TEMPE
CAMPUS

Preamble

We, the students of Arizona State University at the Tempe Campus, in order to provide a representative student government, hereby form the Associated Students of Arizona State University, and establish this Constitution. ASASU exists to represent, advocate, on behalf of the student body, support university administration and local, state, and national governing bodies. ASASU is mandated to provide a unified forum for inter-university dialogue, to organize student involvement, and to administer services, resources, and programs that benefit the greater student population.

Having been created and approved by the students of Arizona State University at the Tempe Campus this document hereby establishes the ASASU as the recognized governing body of students at the Arizona State University Tempe Campus.

Article 1 - Establishment

The Associated Students of Arizona State University is hereby established under this Constitution and shall consist of the following independent governing organizations: the Undergraduate Student Government (USG), and the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA).

Article 2 - Membership

Membership shall be defined as students enrolled in at least one (1) credit hour through the Tempe Campus of Arizona State University:

Section 1. USG

All registered undergraduate students and only such persons shall be members of the USG. All members are entitled to vote, to hold office in the USG if qualifications for candidacy are met, and to exercise the various rights of membership.

32 Section 2. GPSA

33 All registered post-baccalaureate students with graduate, professional or non-
34 degree seeking status and only such persons shall be members of the GPSA.
35 All members are entitled to vote, to hold office in the GPSA, if qualifications
36 for candidacy are met, and to exercise the various rights of membership.

37 Article 3 - Rights of Membership

38 All students who meet the above definition of membership shall be guaranteed the
39 following rights which shall be further delineated within the Bylaws of each independent
40 governing organization:

- 41 A. The right to petition ASASU to address issues of concern
- 42 B. The right to representation and advocacy
- 43 C. The right to active engagement
- 44 D. The right to open ASASU meetings, documents, and procedures

45 Title II
46 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

47 Article 1 – Purpose of Undergraduate Student Government

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50 The Undergraduate Student Government (USG) of the Associated Students of Arizona
51 State University Tempe Campus will provide advocacy, services and representation both
52 for and on behalf of the undergraduate student body of Arizona State University Tempe
53 Campus. USG shall advocate on behalf of its constituents to all entities pertinent to the
54 undergraduate interest on Tempe Campus. USG shall provide services to its constituents
55 to both enhance the undergraduate experience and provide adequate outreach to all
56 members of the undergraduate community. USG shall provide a forum for the
57 representation and discussion of all opinions and views held by the undergraduate student
58 body.

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60 Article 2 – Executive Office

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62 The Executive Officers of the USG shall be defined as a President, Vice President of
63 Services, and Vice President of Policy. The USG Executive Officers shall be supported
64 by a Chief-of-Staff.

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66 Section 1. Office of the President

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68 The USG President shall be the voice for USG overseeing both the Vice
69 Presidents of Services and Policy.

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71 Section 2. Office of the Vice President of Services

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73 The USG Vice President of Services shall oversee those USG operations
74 pertaining to USG services and programs.

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76 Section 3. Office of the Vice President of Policy

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78 The USG Vice President of Policy shall oversee those USG offices that set
79 policy for the university, students, and community.

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81 Section 3. Chief-of-Staff

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83 The USG Chief-of-Staff shall aid and support the USG Executives in their
84 roles. A Chief-of-Staff shall be appointed only at the discretion of the
85 President.

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87 Section 4. Academic Standing

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89 Executive Officers must be registered undergraduate students and be in
90 good academic standing according to Arizona State University policy.

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92 Section 5. Term of Office

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94 The Executive Officers shall take office beginning at noon on the Monday
95 following the May graduation ceremony and shall serve for one year.

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97 Section 6. Recall of Officers

98 A. Petition - A petition for recall of any Executive Officer shall require the
99 signatures and student identification number of at least fifty percent (50%)
100 of the total number of ballots cast for that office in the general election.
101 The Registrar must certify the names, graduate status, and student
102 identification numbers of these petitioners.

103 B. Recall Elections – It shall be the duty of the Elections Department to hold
104 a special election upon notice by the Assembly president that a certified
105 petition for recall has been received.

106 C. Recall – A recall election is valid only if the number of total votes cast in
107 that election is equal to at least three quarters of the number of votes cast
108 at the general election for the office in question. If the recall measure
109 receives a majority vote, the Officer shall be officially recalled. The
110 vacancy thus created shall be filled immediately as provided in Article 7
111 of this Title.

112 D. Appointed Executive Officers – Petitioning shall occur in accordance with
113 Section 6, Subsection A of this Article. Recall requires that at least three-
114 fourths of the number of ballots cast for the President in the general
115 election must be cast in the recall election. If the recall measure receives a
116 majority vote, the Officer shall be officially recalled. The vacancy thus

117 created shall be filled immediately as provided in Section 3 of this
118 Article.

119 Article 3 - Legislative Branch

120 Section 1. Power and Duties

121 A. The Legislative and Fiscal power of the USG shall be vested in the Senate
122 subject to a veto by the USG President, which may be overridden by a
123 two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

124 B. To conduct hearings for and approve the annual USG budget subject to the
125 line item veto by the USG President, which may be overridden by a
126 two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

127 C. To adopt Bylaws for the USG and to make revisions to them.

128 D. To adopt Rules of the Senate and to make revisions to them.

129 E. To assume whatever additional responsibilities it deems necessary to fulfill
130 its obligation to students.

131 Section 2. Membership

132 A. The voting membership of the Senate shall consist of a proportional
133 number of Senators from each Degree-awarding College housed primarily
134 at the Tempe Campus. Proportionality shall be established under
135 Subsection B of this Section.

136 1. Senators shall be elected in a direct election, college wide, to be held
137 no later than April 30, and serve a term of one year.

138 2. No Senator shall simultaneously hold an Executive Office.

139 3. A Senator may be removed from the Senate by a majority vote in a
140 Recall Election of the College for which he/she holds office or by a
141 three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Senate.

142 B. The number of Senators representing each College shall be no less than
143 two but no more than four. The number of Senators representing each
144 College shall equal:

145 1. One Senator; plus,

146 2. Additional Senators determined by the number of undergraduate
147 students enrolled in that College, based upon the annual Arizona
148 State University official census count of college enrollment.

- 149 a. 1 – 3,000 students: One Senator.
- 150 b. 3,001 – 6,000 students: Two Senators.
- 151 c. 6001 or more students: Three Senators.
- 152 C. College Councils may appoint Senators to its vacant Senate seats. If a
153 College Council fails to fill a Senate vacancy within four weeks of the office
154 being vacant, the President of the Senate may, by appointment, fill a vacancy
155 with a student from the appropriate college of which the seat is vacant,
156 subject to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate members present and voting.
- 157 D. The non-voting members of the Senate shall consist of a representative from
158 the University’s Academic Senate to be selected by the Academic Senate in
159 a manner of its choosing, the Association Coordinator, the USG President,
160 the Senate Secretary, the Parliamentarian, a representative from GPSA, and a
161 member from the Residence Hall Association (RHA) chosen by the Director
162 of RHA and any other individual deemed appropriate.
- 163 Section 3. Meetings
- 164 A. The Senate shall convene at least twice per month during the academic
165 year at a publicly announced time and place.
- 166 B. Special sessions may be called either by the President, President of the
167 Senate or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- 168 Section 4. Presiding Officer
- 169 A. The President of the Senate shall be elected from the voting Senate
170 membership at the first meeting of each Legislative Session that will be
171 held immediately following the last session of the final Legislative
172 Session. The preceding senate shall recommend a candidate for the Senate
173 President at the final Legislative Session.
- 174 B. The Senate President shall serve as President for the current Legislative
175 Session, subject to the following limitations:
- 176 1. The President of the Senate shall be a Senator who has served at least
177 one full academic semester in office prior to the current Legislative
178 Session, unless no Senator or only one Senator meets this
179 requirement.
- 180 2. No Senator shall be elected President of the Senate without receiving
181 a majority of votes from the Senators present and voting.

182 3. The President of the Senate may be removed by a 3/4 vote of the
183 Senate in a manner determined by the Bylaws.

184 C. The President of the Senate shall preside over Senate meetings. The
185 President of the Senate shall select a President Pro Tempore to preside in
186 the absence of the President of the Senate.

187 D. Any vacancy in the Office of President of the Senate shall be filled
188 according to Subsection A of this Section.

189 Section 5. Procedure

190 A. The Senate shall have the power to determine its rules and procedures, to
191 establish committees and to discipline its members.

192 B. The President of the Senate will consult with the Parliamentarian as
193 necessary and appropriate on parliamentary questions.

194 C. When Robert's Rules of Order and the Bylaws conflict, the Bylaws take
195 precedence.

196 D. Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, will be the parliamentary resource of
197 the Senate and its subsidiary bodies.

198 Section 6. Academic Standing

199 A. No undergraduate member of the USG shall serve as a Senator who is not
200 registered for at least one (1) semester hours of academic credit at Arizona
201 State University Tempe Campus in the current regular semester and who is
202 not in academic good standing as defined by the University for that student's
203 program of study.

204 Article 4 – College Council Enactment

205 Students in each college, school and degree-awarding program reserve the right to
206 establish a college council to further the effectiveness of USG and to provide adequate
207 representation on the College level.

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209 Article 5 – Initiatives and Referenda

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211 Section 1. Referenda

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213 The USG Senate may refer any proposal to an undergraduate vote. An
214 affirmative majority of those voting is required for passage of a
215 referendum.

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217 Section 2. Initiatives

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219 Any member of the USG may petition for an initiative to be placed before the
220 undergraduate student body in either a special election or as part of the regular election
221 cycle.

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223 A. Such a petition must be signed by no less than twenty-five percent (25%)
224 of the total voter turn-out for the first election of the previous Spring
225 Semester.

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227 B. Such a petition shall be presented to the ASASU Elections Department for
228 the purpose of placing the initiative before a student vote. The Elections
229 Department must receive the petition in question no less than four (4)
230 weeks in advance of a previously scheduled election or no less than four
231 (4) weeks in advance of the end of a semester in which there is no
232 regularly scheduled election. Such a petition may define whether the
233 initiative shall be placed before the undergraduate student body during the
234 Fall or Spring Semester, assuming above deadlines are met.

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236 C. An affirmative majority of those voting is required for passage of a
237 referendum.

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239 Article 6 – Collaboration, Checks and Balances

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241 Section 1. Veto Authority

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243 A. The USG President shall have veto authority over all legislation of the
244 undergraduate students government.

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246 B. The USG Senate may override a veto of the USG President with a two-
247 thirds (2/3) majority vote.

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249 Article 7 – Succession and Impeachment

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251 Section 1. Succession

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253 A. Shall the USG President's office become vacant for any cause, the USG
254 Vice President of Policy shall become the USG President. The new USG
255 President shall appoint a USG Vice President of Policy to be confirmed by
256 a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the USG Senate.

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258 B. Shall a Vice President's office become vacant for any cause, the USG
259 President shall appoint a new USG Vice President to be confirmed by a
260 two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the USG Senate.

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262 Section 2. Impeachment

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264 The USG Senate shall retain the authority to impeach any elected or appointed official
265 within the USG pending a Senate hearing.
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267 A. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the USG Senate shall be required to
268 bring charges of impeachment against any USG officer.
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270 B. A three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the USG Senate shall be required to
271 remove any USG Officer on grounds of impeachment.
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273 Article 8- Bylaws

274 Section 1. Bylaws

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277 The USG Senate shall retain the authority to establish bylaws to further define the powers
278 and scope of the USG, permitting that such bylaws do not contradict the statutes of this
279 Constitution.
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281 TITLE III

282 GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

283 Article 1 - Preamble

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285 The Graduate and Professional Student Association is the graduate student government
286 at Arizona State University. As the graduate student government it shall represent
287 graduate and professional student interests for the public, the ABOR and the University
288 Administration. The GPSA strives to provide programming, support, and advocacy for
289 the graduate and professional community at Arizona State University.
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291 Article 2 - Executive Branch

292 Section 1. Executive Committee of the GPSA

293
294 A. The executive officers of the GPSA shall be a President, Vice President of
295 External Affairs, Vice President of Internal Affairs, and a Vice President
296 of Professional Development. The Executive Officers shall exercise the
297 executive functions of the GPSA. Duties of said Officers shall be set forth
298 in this Constitution and in the Bylaws.

299 B. The President and Vice Presidents shall be elected by the general
300 membership as defined in Title I, Article 2, Section 2.

301 C. The President of GPSA and the President of the Assembly shall not be of
302 the same Graduate or Professional Program.

303 D. The members of the Executive Committee shall consist of the executive
304 officers of the GPSA as voting members. Also, the Assembly President
305 and the chairs of the standing GPSA Assembly committees serve as ex
306 officio members.

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308 Section 2. Term of Office

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310 The Executive Officers shall take office beginning at noon on the Monday following the
311 May graduation ceremony and shall serve for one year.

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313 Section 3. Succession

314 A. In the event the President resigns or is removed from office the President
315 shall be succeeded by the (1) Vice President of Internal Affairs, (2) the
316 President of the Graduate Assembly, (3) the Vice President of External
317 Affairs, and (4) the Vice President of Professional Development. An
318 officer may decline to assume the duties of the Presidency and continue in
319 her/his elected position.

320 B. If the office of a Vice President becomes vacant, the GPSA President shall
321 call for and consider applications, and must appoint to the office a member
322 of the GPSA who is eligible for the position, the VP will assume office
323 immediately upon a 2/3 confirmation vote by the assembly.

324 C. In the event all positions become vacant, the Assembly shall appoint interim
325 officers until a special election can be held.

326 D. In the event that the Presidency is vacant because no executive officer is
327 willing to succeed to the office, the Assembly shall appoint an interim
328 President until a special election can be held.

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330 Section 4. Responsibilities of the Executive Branch

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332 The Executive Branch shall exercise all responsibilities of their office as laid out in this
333 Constitution and all duties defined in the Bylaws, including but not limited to serving as
334 the Graduate and Professional student voice, administering programs and informing the
335 GPSA Assembly about all activities, disbursing funds of the GPSA according to
336 applicable GPSA and University policies, and creating committees, in conformance with
337 Assembly direction and consultation. The Executive Branch shall promote
338 communication and collaboration between graduate and professional students on all
339 Arizona State University campuses.

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341 Section 5. Scope and Purpose

342 The Assembly may enact Bylaws that establish and define the purpose, scope and powers
343 of any Executive Office consistent with this Constitution.

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345 Section 6. Recall of Officers

346 A. Petition - A petition for recall of any Executive Officer shall require the
347 signatures and student identification number of at least ten percent (10%)
348 of the current membership of the GPSA. The Registrar must certify the

349 names, graduate status, and student identification numbers of these
350 petitioners.

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352 B. Recall Elections – It shall be the duty of the Elections Department to hold
353 a special election upon notice by the Assembly president that a certified
354 petition for recall has been received.

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356 C. Recall – A recall election is valid only if the number of total votes cast in
357 that election is equal to at least three quarters of the number of votes cast
358 at the general election for the office in question. If the recall measure
359 receives a majority vote, the Officer shall be officially recalled. The
360 vacancy thus created shall be filled immediately as provided in Section 3
361 of this Article.

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363 D. Appointed Executive Officers – Petitioning shall occur in accordance with
364 Section 6, Subsection A of this Article. Recall requires that at least three-
365 fourths of the number of ballots cast for the President in the general
366 election must be cast in the recall election. If the recall measure receives a
367 majority vote, the Officer shall be officially recalled. The vacancy thus
368 created shall be filled immediately as provided in Section 3 of this
369 Article.

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371 Article 3 - The Legislative Branch - The Assembly

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373 Section 1. Powers and Duties

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375 A. The legislative and fiscal power of the GPSA shall be vested in the
376 Assembly subject to a veto by the GPSA President within seven (7) days,
377 which may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly.

378 B. Additionally, the powers and duties of the Assembly include the authority:

379 1. To conduct hearings for and provide a majority vote for approval or
380 revision of the annual GPSA budget subject to the line item veto by
381 the GPSA President, which may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3)
382 vote of the Assembly.

383 2. To adopt and revise the Bylaws for the GPSA by a majority vote of the
384 Assembly.

385 3. To adopt and revise Rules of the Assembly by a majority vote of the
386 Assembly.

387 4. To assume whatever additional responsibilities it deems necessary to
388 fulfill its obligation to students under the Bylaws of the GPSA.

- 389 5. To provide a communication network between the students of each
390 graduate and professional program, the executive officers of the
391 Association, and the administration of the University.
- 392 6. To encourage participation and discussion by the students in the
393 individual graduate and professional programs.
- 394 7. To undertake such business as it deems necessary to fulfill the
395 purposes of the GPSA.
- 396 8. To review the actions of the Executive Committee.

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398 Section 2. Graduate Assembly Members

- 399
400 A. The voting membership of the Assembly shall consist of a proportional
401 number of Assembly Members from each discipline of graduate or
402 professional program as further defined under the Bylaws of the GPSA.
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- 404 B. Assembly members shall be elected by GPSA members in their respective
405 programs and serve a term of one year. These elections shall meet the
406 requirements as set forth in the GPSA Bylaws.
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- 408 C. Assembly member shall serve the term as provided for in the GPSA
409 Bylaws.
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- 411 D. No Assembly member shall simultaneously hold an Executive Office.
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- 413 E. An Assembly member may be removed from the Assembly by a majority
414 vote of the students the member represents or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of
415 the Assembly.
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- 417 F. The non-voting members of the Assembly shall consist of a representative
418 from: the Division of Graduate Studies, the Administrative Office in
419 which ASASU is housed, the Academic Senate, and the Undergraduate
420 Student Government.
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- 422 G. Former Executive Officers and committee chairs may be granted ex
423 officio status in accordance with the Bylaws.
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- 425 H. Graduate Programs, as defined under the GPSA Bylaws, may appoint
426 Assembly Members to its vacant Assembly seats. If a Graduate Program
427 fails to fill an Assembly vacancy within four weeks of the office being
428 vacant, the President of the Assembly may, by appointment, fill a vacancy
429 with a graduate student from the appropriate graduate discipline of which the
430 seat is vacant, subject to a two-thirds (2/3) confirmation vote of the
431 Assembly members present and voting.
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433 Section 3. Meetings

434 A. The Assembly shall convene at least once per month during the academic
435 year at a publicly announced time and place.

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437 B. Special sessions may be called either by the Assembly President, Assembly
438 President *Pro Tempore*, or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly.

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440 Section 4. Presiding Officer

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442 A. The President of the Assembly shall be elected from the Assembly
443 membership at the first meeting of each Legislative Session and serve as
444 President for that Legislative Session, subject to the following limitations:

445 1. No Assembly member shall be elected President of the Assembly
446 without receiving a majority of votes from the Assembly members
447 present and voting.

448 2. The President of the Assembly may be removed by a 3/4 vote of the
449 Assembly in a manner determined by the Bylaws.

450 B. The President of the Assembly shall preside over Assembly meetings. The
451 President of the Assembly shall select a President Pro Tem to preside in the absence
452 of the President of the Assembly.

453 C. Any vacancy in the Office of President of the Assembly shall be filled according to
454 Subsection A of this Section.

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456 Section 5. Procedure

457 A. The Assembly shall have the power to determine its rules and procedures,
458 to establish committees and to discipline its members.

459 B. The President of the Assembly will consult with the Parliamentarian as
460 necessary and appropriate on parliamentary questions.

461 C. When Robert's Rules of Order and the Bylaws conflict, the Bylaws take
462 precedence.

463 D. Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, will be the parliamentary resource of
464 the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies.

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Article 4 - Amendments

467 Proposals to amend this Title shall originate by a vote of two-thirds of the current
468 Assembly membership. The proposal shall be scheduled for a vote in the next general
469 election or in a referenda vote of the GPSA membership. Detailed notice of the proposed
470 amendment shall be made public during at least the week prior to the general election. If
471 this proposal receives a majority of the votes cast by the GPSA members in this election,
472 this Title shall be declared amended.

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Article 5 - Bylaws

475 Bylaws shall be established to include the rules of the Assembly and the duties of the
476 GPSA officers, Assembly members, Boards, and Committees.

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Article 6 - Academic Standing

478 Executive Officers or members of the Assembly may serve only if registered for at least
479 one (1) semester hour of graduate or professional academic credit at Arizona State
480 University in the current regular semester and in academic good standing as defined by the
481 University for that student's program of study.

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TITLE IV JUDICIARY

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Article 1 – Supreme Court Judiciary Structure

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Section 1. Judicial Powers

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490 The judicial powers of the ASASU shall be vested in the Supreme Court and any lower
491 courts established by the USG or GPSA.

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Section 2. Jurisdiction

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495 A. The Supreme Court and any lower courts shall have jurisdiction over all
496 disputes arising under this Constitution or any Bylaws established pursuant
497 to this Constitution. In addition, they shall have any other jurisdiction the
498 USG Assembly or the GPSA Assembly may provide in their Bylaws.

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500 B. The decision of the Supreme Court on any disputes arising under the
501 ASASU Constitution shall be final, except in the case of impeachment of a
502 Supreme Court Justice.

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504 C. The Supreme Court shall retain original jurisdiction over disputes arising
505 between USG, GPSA, or any other organizations or departments created by
506 ASASU.

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508 D. The Supreme Court shall retain all jurisdiction not delineated by the USG or
509 the GPSA to any lower court and appellate jurisdiction over all disputes.

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Section 3. Composition

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512 A. The Supreme Court shall consist of five Justices.

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514 B. Selection of Justices

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515 1. Following ASASU elections, the sitting President of USG shall nominate
516 three Supreme Court Justices, and the sitting President of GPSA shall
517 nominate two Supreme Court Justices. Application processing and
518 deadlines shall be defined in each representative body's bylaws.

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520 2. USG nominations shall be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the sitting
521 USG Senate and GPSA nominations shall be confirmed by a two-thirds

522 vote of the sitting GPSA Assembly. Confirmation shall occur no later than
523 the final legislative sessions of USG and GPSA.

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525 C. Conference Committee shall appoint a Supreme Court Clerk to perform all
526 administrative duties outlined in Article 2, Section 3 of this Title.

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528 1. Conference Committee will accept applications for the position of
529 Supreme Court Clerk from the Arizona State University Tempe
530 Campus student body.

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532 2. A final appointment will be made by a two-thirds vote of the
533 Conference Committee and the Clerk shall begin serving his or her
534 term at noon on the Monday following the May commencement
535 ceremony and shall serve for one year.

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537 Section 4. Term

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539 The Justices' terms begin at noon on October 1 and shall continue until noon of the
540 following October 1

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542 Section 5. Impeachment

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544 Any Supreme Court Justice may be impeached for malfeasance by a two-thirds vote of
545 both the USG Senate and the GPSA Assembly.

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547 Section 6. Removal

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549 Following completion of impeachment procedures, any Supreme Court Justice may be
550 removed by a three-fourths vote of both the USG Senate and GPSA Assembly.

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552 Section 7. Replacement

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554 In the event of a vacancy on the Supreme Court, a replacement shall be nominated by the
555 President of the body that originally nominated the Justice for confirmation by the
556 respective legislative body by two-thirds vote. Application processing and deadlines
557 shall be defined in each representative body's bylaws.

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559 Section 8. Standing

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561 A case may be brought before the Supreme Court by any member of the USG or the GPSA.

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563 Section 9. Decisions

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565 Decisions and opinions shall be written, posted, and placed in a permanent file of the
566 ASASU and remain publicly available for all ASASU students as administered by the
567 Supreme Court Clerk.

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Section 10. Academic Standing

Only ASASU members in good academic standing, as defined by the University, shall serve on the Supreme Court.

Article 2 – Supreme Court Rules and Procedures

Section 1. Judicial Code

- A. Upon appointment, the Supreme Court Justices shall adopt a Judicial Code to govern the internal rules and procedures of the judiciary. This Code shall be recorded and made publicly available by the Supreme Court Clerk.
- B. Deadlines for court filing and public filing of court cases shall be established by the Judicial Code.
- C. The Judicial Code shall be reviewed and approved by a majority vote of the Conference Committee no later than the third regular meeting of the Fall semester.

Section 2. Quorum

- A. Quorum for the Supreme Court shall be defined as four sitting justices.
- B. Quorum shall be required to hear cases and to issue decisions.

Section 3. Duties of the Court Clerk

- A. The Court Clerk shall organize and maintain court files for the courts.
- B. The Court Clerk is also responsible for getting evidence and court papers to each member of the judiciary for each case brought before the courts as appropriate.
- C. The Court Clerk shall make pleadings and court decisions publicly available.
- D. The Court Clerk may be removed following the request of the Supreme Court, subject to the approval of the Conference Committee

TITLE V
ELECTIONS

Article 1 – Elections Department Structure

614 The Elections Department shall exercise independent authority over ASASU elections,
615 referenda, and initiatives.

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617 A. Selection of Elections Director:

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619 1. The Conference Committee shall administer the selection process
620 for the Elections Director.

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622 2. The nomination shall be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the
623 Conference Committee. Upon confirmation, the individual shall
624 assume the position of Elections Director.

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626 B. Term of Elections Department:

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628 1. The Elections Director shall be confirmed by the Conference
629 Committee by November 1 and shall serve until the new Elections
630 Director is confirmed by Conference Committee.

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632 2. The Assistant Elections Director shall be confirmed by Conference
633 Committee following his/her selection by the Elections Director.
634 The Assistant Elections Director shall serve until the new Elections
635 Director is confirmed by Conference Committee.

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637 C. Duties of the Elections Department:

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639 1. The Elections Director shall have the authority to hire an Assistant
640 Director or Directors, subject to confirmation by two-thirds of the
641 Conference Committee.

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643 2. The Elections Director shall interpret and enforce the election and
644 petition provisions developed and codified by USG and GPSA in
645 their organizational Bylaws and in Titles II and III of this
646 Constitution.

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648 3. The Elections Department shall evaluate the mechanisms by which
649 students may vote annually, and shall investigate the efficacy and
650 potential usefulness of new voting technologies.

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652 4. The Elections Department shall advertise and promote the
653 candidacy and election process.

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655 5. The Elections Department shall have the sole authority to
656 administer USG and GPSA elections and referenda.

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6. The Elections Department shall be bound by the duties defined in this Constitution and by any policies or procedures adopted by Conference Committee pursuant to this Constitution.
 7. Following the end of the election process, the Elections Director shall present an official report to the Conference Committee detailing the successes and failures of the Department, any issues that arose with the election, voting methods and any other issues the Elections Director deems pertinent.
- 668 D. Removal of Elections Director:
- 669 1. The Elections Director may be removed from the position for willful
670 neglect of duty, gross incompetence, gross negligence or for any fraudulent
671 actions.
 - 672 2. Allegations against the Elections Director shall be filed with the
673 Supreme Court.
 - 674 3. In the event the Supreme Court finds sufficient cause exists, it may
675 remove the Elections Director.
 - 676 4. In the event the Elections Director resigns or is removed from
677 office, the Assistant Elections Director will automatically advance
678 to the position of Elections Director and may then appoint a new
679 Assistant Elections Director who shall be subject to confirmation
680 by the Conference Committee.
 - 681 5. In the event both the Elections Director and Assistant Elections
682 Director(s) resign or are removed from office, a new Elections Director
683 shall be appointed by a two-thirds vote of the Conference Committee
684 and shall serve for the remainder of the term.
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691 Article 2 – Election Procedures

692 Section 1. Election Procedures; USG

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- 695 A. Elections shall be held in the Spring semester for all executive and
696 legislative offices established under Title II of this Constitution.
 - 697 B. Elections shall be by secret ballot.
 - 698 C. The USG Senate may enact Bylaws further defining the election process and
699 providing for violations and disputes.
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703 Section 2. Election Procedures; GPSA

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- A. Elections shall be held in the Spring semester for all executive and legislative offices established under Title III of this Constitution.
- B. Elections shall be by secret ballot.
- C. The GPSA Assembly may enact Bylaws further defining the election process and providing for violations and disputes.

Section 3. Procedures for Joint Referenda

- A. Referenda that affect the entire membership of ASASU must be passed by Conference Committee before being presented in exactly the same form to the legislative bodies of USG and GPSA. If either legislative body proposes changes to the referendum, the referendum must be returned to Conference Committee for revision before being re-submitted to each legislative body. The referendum must then be approved by two-thirds of each legislative body to appear on the ballot.
- B. Any referendum that fails to garner two-thirds support in the legislative bodies of both USG and GPSA shall not appear on the ballot.

TITLE VI
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 - Executive Coordination and Communication

Section 1: The Leadership Council

The Leadership Council shall promote communication and collaboration among the Executive Officers of ASASU and Administration of Arizona State University Tempe Campus.

- A. The ASASU shall maintain a Leadership Council on Arizona State University Tempe Campus. The Leadership Council will facilitate communication and support for the USG and the GPSA. The Leadership Council shall include executive officers of the USG and GPSA as stipulated in each respective body's Bylaws, as well as those ASU Administration and staff identified by both the Council and the Arizona State University Tempe Campus Administration.
- B. The Leadership Council shall not be vested with any legislative or financial power or authority.

749 C. The Leadership Council shall have administrative oversight and provide
750 direction for administrative support and policies for ASASU.

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752 D. The Leadership Council shall meet once a month.

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754 Article 2 – Legislative Coordination and Communication

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756 Section 1: Conference Committee

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758 The Conference Committee for the ASASU shall facilitate and negotiate collaborative
759 legislation and policy for USG and GPSA

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761 A. Membership

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763 1. The Conference Committee shall consist of twelve members, six from
764 the USG Senate and six from the GPSA Assembly appointed in
765 accordance with the Bylaws of the respective legislative bodies.

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767 2. The twelve members shall be appointed at the first legislative session of
768 the academic year.

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770 3. The Conference Committee shall be jointly chaired by the USG Senate
771 President and the GPSA Assembly President.

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773 B. Powers and Responsibilities

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775 1. The Conference Committee shall serve as a forum for communication
776 between the legislative bodies of ASASU.

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778 2. The Conference Committee shall identify and initiate joint legislation for
779 the mutual benefit of the respective bodies.

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781 3. The Conference Committee shall be responsible for the confirmation of
782 the Elections Director and Assistant Elections Director of the ASASU

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784 4. The Conference Committee shall generate a yearly letter of review of the
785 Constitution of the ASASU, to be submitted to the respective legislative
786 bodies.

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788 5. The legislative bodies of USG and GPSA may refer legislation to the
789 Conference Committee for reconciliation.

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791 C. Meetings

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793 1. The first meeting will take place prior to the second regular GPSA
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2. Quorum for Conference Committee will be two-thirds of the committee membership from both USG and GPSA.
3. Each branch will require a consistent delegation that will be responsible for regular attendance for any and all Conference Committee meetings.
4. Conference Committee meetings are open to any member of the ASASU.

Article 3—External Collaboration

In order to achieve greater coordination and collaboration with entities outside of the ASASU and Arizona State University Administration, the ASASU shall retain the right to enter into such agreements as it deems necessary to the fulfill its duties and responsibilities.

- A. Any standing agreements between the ASASU and entities outside of the Arizona State University Administration and Arizona State University Tempe Campus shall hereafter be referred to as “extra-campus agreements.”
- B. The executive members of USG and GPSA shall retain responsibility for the negotiation and establishment of all extra-campus agreements.
- C. All extra-campus agreements pertaining to the ASASU as a whole will be subject to amendment and ratification by both the USG and GPSA legislative bodies.
 1. The USG legislative body shall retain the exclusive right to amend and ratify all extra-campus agreements pertaining solely to the USG.
 2. The GPSA legislative body shall retain the exclusive right to amend and ratify all extra-campus agreements pertaining solely to the GPSA.
 3. Ratification shall require a simple majority within each respective legislative body.
 4. Ratification of extra-campus agreements shall adhere to established veto and veto override procedures.
- D. All extra-campus agreements shall include
 1. Full identification of those parties.
 2. A clearly established term of expiration.

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843 Article 4—Joint Advocacy Committee

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845 The Joint Advocacy Committee shall be created in order to achieve greater coordination
846 and collaboration between the designated external affairs committees in the USG Senate
847 and the GPSA Assembly.

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849 Section 1. Membership

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851 A. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall consist of no more than 6 members;
852 3 from USG and 3 from GPSA.
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854 B. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall be jointly chaired by USG Vice
855 President of Policy and the GPSA Vice President of External Affairs.
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857 C. Membership shall be selected at the first meeting of the Legislative
858 Session by the Senate President and the Assembly President. The selection
859 of the Joint Advocacy Committee members shall be subject to the
860 approval of the USG Senate and the GPSA Assembly.
861 D. The GPSA Assembly and the USG Senate shall be responsible for
862 ensuring that their committee members attend all meetings of the Joint
863 Advocacy Committee. If a committee member fails to attend meetings of
864 the Joint Advocacy Committee, it shall be the responsibility of the
865 member's legislative body to replace the committee member.
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867 Section 2. Powers and Responsibilities

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869 A. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall research and present local, state and
870 national legislation to the Assemblies.
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872 B. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall draft and submit joint policy
873 statements on local, state and national legislative issues for the
874 consideration of the USG and the GPSA legislative bodies.
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876 C. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall implement legislative, Arizona
877 Board of Regents (ABOR), and Arizona Student's Association (ASA)
878 policies that have been voted on affirmatively by the USG and the GPSA
879 legislative bodies.
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881 D. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall coordinate and support joint
882 advocacy efforts for the USG and the GPSA legislative bodies at local,
883 state, and national levels.
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885 Article 5 - Supremacy Clause
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887 This Constitution supersedes all other ASASU Constitutions, legislative and executive
888 documents, including but not limited to Bylaws and College Council Constitutions.

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890 Article 6 – Amendment

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892 Section 1. Amendments to Titles II and III

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894 Proposals to amend Titles II and III of this Constitution shall be amended
895 according to the procedures set forth in those Titles, respectively.

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897 Section 2. Amendments to Title I, IV, V, VI

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899 A. Proposals to amend Titles I, IV, V and VI of this Constitution shall be
900 considered by the Conference Committee.

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902 B. The proposal shall be sent to the respective legislative bodies for
903 consideration.

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905 C. To appear on the ballot, the proposed amendment shall have been approved by
906 two-thirds of both the USG Senate and the GPSA Assembly.

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908 D. The proposed amendment must be made public to the student body at least
909 one week prior to the election.

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911 E. If the proposed amendment for Title I, IV, V, and VI receives a majority of
912 the votes cast in the ASASU election, the appropriate Title(s) shall be
913 declared amended.

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915 Article 7– Enactment

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917 Section 1. Effect of Enactment

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919 This Constitution shall have full force and effect following passage by a
920 majority vote of the ASASU Constitutional Convention, by a two-thirds
921 vote of the USG and the GPSA legislative bodies, and by a majority of
922 undergraduate and graduate students voting in a campus-wide election.

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924 This Constitution shall supersede and replace all previous ASASU
925 Constitutions and Bylaws.

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926 Section 2. Initial Elections

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928 Notwithstanding Section 3 of this article, the Elections Department,
929 established under the outgoing ASASU Constitution and Bylaws, shall
930 conduct a campus-wide election for the Executive and Legislative offices
931 established under this Constitution no later than April 1st of the elections
932 year following the enactment of this Constitution.

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Section 3. Delayed Effective Date

This document will become effective upon ratification of fifty percent plus one of the USG, and fifty percent plus one of the GPSA, at noon on the Monday following May commencement.

Article 8—Administrative Agreement Clause

In signing this document the President of the Arizona State University recognizes the sovereignty of the ASASU as the representative body for all students at Arizona State University Tempe campus. The University President further recognizes this document as the supreme governing document thereof.