



# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

## MAY 2019 ELECTIONS

ASO CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XI SECTION 1 AMENDMENTS AND REVISION:

“The ASO Constitution may be amended or revised by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASO members voting. All proposed amendments and revisions must be made public not less than ten (10) days before the regularly scheduled ASO election”

***The ASO Senate proposes the following changes to the ASO Constitution:***

*\*Note:*

*Underline text is being inserted*

*Stricken text will be removed*

*Example:*

Proposed New Language Inserted in Blue Underline

~~Proposed Removal of Currently Enacted Language Stricken Out in Red~~

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### ARTICLE IV

#### EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 2: The Executive Officers shall be the Student Body President, Executive Vice President, ~~Social~~ Vice President for Social Affairs, Vice President for Club Affairs, Vice President ~~of~~ Public Relations, ~~Executive Secretary, the~~ Vice President ~~of~~ Finance, ial Affairs, Vice President for Outreach, Executive Secretary, and the Student Trustee who shall serve in an ex-officio capacity.

#### Section 3: Presidential Succession

In the case that the President & Vice President are ineligible to serve their positions, the ASO Senate must convene amongst themselves to appoint the position of the President from the eligible and elected ASO Officers for the remainder of the term.

#### Section ~~4~~3: The President

##### Clause 1: Qualifications:

1. See Article III, Section 2.
2. No student will hold the office of President for more than two full terms.
3. May not hold the position of Student Trustee concurrently.

##### Clause 2: Election of the President:

1. The term of office for the President will be one year.
2. The President must be elected by the student body at large in an election to be held in May.
3. The President-~~E~~elect will assume office in May.

##### Clause 3: Duties of the President



The President must:

1. Be the official representative of and to the student body.
- ~~2. Be an ex-officio member of all ASO Committees.~~
- ~~2~~ 3. Uphold and maintain the ASO Constitution.
- ~~3~~ 4. Have the power to call special meetings of the ASO Senate.
- ~~4~~ 5. Prepare a written statement at the end of each semester in office, summarizing student activities during the term of office. This report must be delivered to the ASO Senate.
- ~~5~~ 6. Have the right of recognition at all ASO Senate meetings.
- ~~6~~ 7. Have the power to chair & call President's sial Cabinet meetings.
- ~~7~~ 8. Have the Ppower to approve or veto all legislation, excluding position statements passed by the Senate. If the legislation is not signed within 10 calendar days, the Executive Secretary shall return the legislation to the Senate where the veto may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
- ~~8~~ 9. Have the power to appoint ASO Representatives to college committees and boards, with Senate approval.
- ~~9~~ 10. Have the power to fill by appointment, with Senate approval, any vacancies in the Executive Branch for the remainder of the term of office.
- ~~10~~ 11. Have the power, WITHOUT Senate approval, to initiate Special Presidential Commissions and Special Presidential Committees to investigate any situation or activity pertaining to ASO functions deemed necessary by the ASO President; such commissions and committees must report directly to the ASO President.
- ~~11~~ 12. Have the power to relinquish all duties to the Executive Vice President for the duration of a future absence. The President must notify the Executive Secretary and the first available Executive Officer of the future absence, in the form of a written statement.
- ~~12~~ 13. ~~The President must M~~meet with the Student Trustee at least once a month.
13. Chair the Student-College Relations Meeting

#### Section ~~5~~ 4: The Executive Vice-President

##### Clause 1: Qualifications:

- ~~A. 1~~. See Article III, Section 2.
- ~~B. 2~~. No student will hold the office of Executive Vice-President for more than two full terms.

##### Clause 2: Election of the Executive Vice President:

- ~~A. 1~~. The term of the office for the Executive Vice President will be one year.
- ~~B. 2~~. The Executive Vice President must be elected by the student body at large in an election to be held in May.
- ~~C. 3~~. The Executive Vice President ~~E~~lect will assume office in May.

##### Clause 3: Duties of the Executive Vice President

The Executive Vice President must:

1. Take over all the duties of the President ~~or~~ whenever the President is unable to serve.
2. Chair the ASO Senate meetings.
3. Have the pPower of appointment to Senate Committees with ratification of the Senate.
4. Be the chief administrative aide of the ASO President.
5. Be a member of the ASO President's Cabinet.
6. Coordinate between the Senate and the College Designated ASO Advisor.
7. Have the responsibility to oversee the function of Cabinet Officers, only as directed by ~~as~~ the ASO President ~~deems necessary~~.



8. Have one (1) vote on the ASO Senate in the case of a tie. ~~when it shall change the decision of the vote.~~
9. Have the power to call any Executive Officers to Senate meetings upon request.

Section ~~6~~5: The ~~Social~~ Vice-President for Social Affairs

Clause 1: Qualifications:

~~A. 1.~~ See Article III, Section 2.

~~B. 2.~~ No student will hold the office of ~~Social~~ Vice President for Social Affairs for more than two full terms.

Clause 2: Elections: of The Vice President for Social Affairs:

~~A. 1.~~ The term of office for ~~Social the~~ Vice President for Social Affairs will be one year.

~~B. 2.~~ The ~~Social~~ Vice President for Social Affairs must be elected by the student body at large in an election to be held in May.

~~C. 3.~~ The ~~Social~~ Vice President Elect for Social Affairs ~~elect~~ will assume the office in May.

Clause 3: Duties of the ~~Social~~ Vice President for Social Affairs

The ~~Social~~ Vice President for Social Affairs must:

1. Chair the Activities Committee.
2. Coordinate all ASO Social Activities.
3. Coordinate with related ASO Activities Committees.
4. Coordinate activities with the Vice President ~~of~~ Club Affairs.
  5. Coordinate activities with the Vice President for Outreach.
  - ~~6.~~ ~~Coordinate publicity for ASO activities.~~ with the Vice President for Public Relations.
  - ~~7.~~ ~~Function as administrative aide for the President in the area of ASO activities.~~
  - ~~8.~~ ~~Be a member of the President's Cabinet.~~
  - ~~9.~~ ~~Be available at Senate meetings on request.~~
  - ~~9.~~ ~~Have the responsibility to over-see the functions of cabinet officers as the ASO President deems necessary.~~

Section ~~7~~6: The Vice President for Club Affairs

Clause 1: Qualifications:

1. See Article III, Section 2.

2. No student will hold the office of the ~~Inter-Club Council chair~~ Vice President for Club Affairs for more than two full terms.

Clause 2: Elections of the Vice-President for Club Affairs:

~~a. 1.~~ The term of office for the ~~Inter-Club Council chair~~ Vice President for Club Affairs will be one year.

~~b. 2.~~ The ~~Inter-Club Council chair~~ Vice President for Club Affairs must be elected by the student body at large in the election to be held in May.

~~c. 3.~~ The ~~Inter-Club Council chair~~ Vice President Elect for Club Affairs ~~elected~~ will assume the office in May.

Clause 3: Duties of the Vice-President for Club Affairs

The Vice-President for Club Affairs must:

1. Chair the Inter-Club Council ~~and Club Links.~~



2. Coordinate between the Cabinet, the Inter-Club Council, and the Activities Committee.
3. Ensure that ~~all the~~ Inter-Club Council ~~Constitution policy be followed.~~ be adhered to.
4. Attend Senate meetings in the event that there is a vacant ICC Senator position.
5. Attend ~~a~~Activities ~~e~~Committee meetings upon request.
6. Be a member of the President's Cabinet.

Section ~~8~~7: The Vice President ~~of~~for Public Relations

Clause 1: Qualifications:

~~A. 1.~~ See Article III, Section 2.

~~B. 2.~~ No student will hold the office of the Vice President ~~of~~for Public Relations for more than two full terms.

Clause 2: Election of the Vice President ~~of~~for Public Relations

~~A. 1.~~ The term of the office for the Vice President ~~of~~for Public Relations will be one year.

~~B. 2.~~ The Vice President ~~of~~for Public Relations must be elected by the student body at large in an election to be held in May.

~~C. 3.~~ The Vice President ~~Elect~~ ~~of~~for Public Relations will assume office in May.

Clause 3: Duties of the Vice President ~~of~~for Public Relations

The Vice President ~~of~~for Public Relations must:

1. Chair the ASO Communications Committee.
2. Coordinate all ASO Publicity.
3. Be a liaison between the ASO and the SWC newspaper.
4. Create and distribute an ASO events master calendar each month.
5. Create and distribute an ASO newsletter at least once a month.
6. Coordinate between the ASO and the SWC Communications, Community & Government Relations ~~SWC Community Relations/Public Information~~ Office.
7. Be a member of the President's Cabinet.
8. Inform the students of legislative and political issues relevant to the ASO.

Section 9: The Vice President ~~of~~for Financial Affairs

Clause 1: Qualifications:

1. See Article III, Section 2.

2. No student will hold the office of Vice President ~~of~~for Financial Affairs for more than two full terms.

Clause 2: Election of the Vice President ~~of~~for Financial Affairs:

1. The term of office for the Vice President ~~of~~for Financial Affairs will be one year.

2. The Vice President ~~of~~for Financial Affairs must be elected by the student body at large in an election to be held in May.

3. The Vice President ~~Elect~~ ~~of~~for Financial Affairs ~~elect~~ will assume office in May.

Clause 3: Duties of the Vice President ~~of~~for Financial Affairs

The Vice President ~~of~~for Financial Affairs must:

1. Prepare the ASO budget for the following year.
2. Administer the current ASO budget.
3. Keep a current record of the financial state and maintain the accounts of the ASO.



4. ~~Uphold and maintain the Financial Code.~~ Chair the Allocations Committee.
5. Prepare a written financial report on the budget every month to ~~when requested by~~ the Senate & President's Cabinet.
6. Be a member of the President's Cabinet.

Section 10: The Vice President ~~of~~ Outreach

Clause 1: Qualifications:

1. See Article III, Section 2.
2. No student will hold the office ~~of~~ Vice President of Outreach for more than two full terms.

Clause 2: Election of the Vice President ~~of~~ Outreach:

1. The term of office for the Vice President ~~of~~ Outreach will be one year.
2. The Vice President ~~of~~ Outreach must be elected by the student body at large in an election to be held in May.
3. The Vice President-~~Elect~~ ~~of~~ Outreach ~~elect~~ will assume office in May.

Clause 3: Duties of the Vice President ~~of~~ Outreach

The Vice President ~~of~~ Outreach must:

1. Chair the Outreach Committee.
2. Serve as liaison between the ASO and Child Development in the maintenance and management of the Campus Food Pantry.
3. Maintain contact with campus directors to ensure the coordination of community outreach activities hosted by the ASO.
4. Coordinate with learning communities including but not limited to: EOPS, Guardian Scholars, Veterans Services, Student Services, and the Chief of Police to accommodate outreach activities.
5. Work with the Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion to create and promote events to and for the students.
6. Be a member of the President's Cabinet.
7. Work with the office of Outreach to create and promote events for prospective Southwestern College students.
8. Coordinate with community agencies and nonprofit organizations to find productive resources and community service opportunities for the ASO.

Section ~~11~~8: The Executive Secretary

Clause 1: Qualifications:

- ~~A. 1.~~ See Article III, Section 2.
- ~~B. 2.~~ No student will hold the office of Executive Secretary for more than two full terms.

Clause 2: Election of the Executive Secretary:

- ~~A. 1.~~ The term of office for the Executive Secretary will be one year.
- ~~B. 2.~~ The Executive Secretary must be elected by the student body at large in an election to be held in May.
- ~~C. 3.~~ The Executive Secretary-~~E~~lect will assume the office in May.

Clause 3: Duties of the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary must:



- ~~A. 1.~~ Be responsible for recording, publishing and posting ~~m~~Minutes of the Senate meetings by the second school day following a Senate meeting.
- ~~B. 2.~~ Be responsible for keeping records of all Agendas, Attendance, Minutes, Resolutions, Agenda Item Attachments, Request for Funding forms, Constitutional Measures, and Election Results~~correspondence.~~
- ~~C. 3.~~ Assign a number to and identify the sponsor(s) of all Resolutions bills.
- ~~D. 4.~~ Be responsible for ~~typing all legislation and~~ presenting all legislation ~~it~~ to the ASO President after ~~within seven days of~~ its passage: on a physical document, for Presidential action.
- ~~E. 5.~~ Prepare the agenda for each Senate meeting.
- ~~F. 5.~~ Comply with Article IV, Section 3, Clause 3.8.

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***The proposed changes will do the following:***

- Retitle All ASO Executive Officer positions to the same format
  - (i.e. Social Vice President → Vice President for Social Affairs)
- Establishes a Presidential succession procedure;
- Remove the power of the ASO President from voting in Senate Standing Committees;
- Establish the Student-College Relations (SCR) Meeting
  - (Meeting with ASO President & the SWC Superintendent/President)
- Authorize the Executive Vice President to compel Executive Officers to attend Senate meetings upon request;
- Remove a redundant power from the Social Vice President that is exclusive to the Executive Vice President;
- Establish the Vice President of Finance as the chair of the ASO Allocations Committee;
- Require the Vice President of Finance to present a budget report to the ASO Senate on a monthly basis;
- Reiterates that the duty of the Executive Secretary is to maintain all important ASO documents;
- Correct general grammatical errors.

***Vote: Shall ASO Constitution Article IV Executive Branch be amended to provide for the presented changes?***

Yes  No