
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
CONSTITUTION

1 We, the Students of Cerritos College, to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure
2 student opportunity, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain
3 and establish this Constitution for the Associated Students of Cerritos College.

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5 **ARTICLE I—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

6 **Section 1—Legislative Powers**

7 All Legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Senate.

8 **Section 2—Senatorial Oath**

9 Before a Senator-elect enters the execution of their office, they shall take the following Oath or
10 Affirmation: “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of
11 the Associated Students against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and
12 allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or
13 purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which
14 I am about to enter.”

15 **Section 3—Membership**

16 **Subsection 1**

17 Members shall not continue serving in any capacity if their cumulative GPA falls below a
18 2.00.

19 **Subsection 2**

20 Senators must run for re-election every fall Semester.

21 **Section 4—Senate Seats**

22 The Senate shall have no less than twenty-six members. The addition of Senate seats shall be
23 based on the overall growing student population.

24 **Section 5—Senate Positions**

25 The Senate shall have its own officers. Officers include the President Pro Tempore, Clerk of the
26 Senate, and the Sergeant-at-Arms.

27 **Section 6—Quorum**

28 To conduct business, the Senate must meet a majority Membership Quorum. The Quorum
29 tabulation shall exclude the President of the Senate.

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32 **Section 7—Compensation**

33 Members may receive compensation for their services to the College, presumed their attendance
34 does not exceed two unexcused absences.

35 **Section 8—Senate Authority**

36 The Senate shall serve as the authority of its elections, returns, and qualifications of its
37 membership under the Senate Rules.

38 **Section 9—Senate Record**

39 The Senate shall keep a record of its meetings and shall publish it, no later than three days after
40 each session.

41 **Section 10—Budget**

42 **Subsection 1**

43 The Senate shall be responsible for constructing, auditing, and approving the Budget of
44 the Government.

45 **Subsection 2**

46 All legislation regarding revenue shall originate in the Senate.

47 **Section 11—Powers**

48 **Subsection 1**

49 The Senate shall have enumerated powers.

50 **Subsection 2**

51 The Senate shall establish the Associated Students Body Fee.

52 **Subsection 3**

53 The Senate shall issue subpoenas to further or gather knowledge for the Senate.

54 **Subsection 4**

55 The Senate shall constitute tribunals inferior to the Court.

56 **Subsection 5**

57 The Senate shall create laws for the government.

58 **Subsection 6**

59 The Senate shall establish regulations for the budget.

60 **Subsection 7**

61 The Senate may approve any legislative proposals of the Associated Students from the
62 College.

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Subsection 8

The Senate shall enact impeachment proceedings against the President, Vice President, and members of the Court.

Subsection 9

The Senate shall approve any contracts with vendors or third-parties.

Subsection 10

The Senate shall make all laws, which shall be necessary and proper, for carrying into execution the foregoing powers and all other powers vested by this Constitution.

Subsection 11

The Senate shall not do the following: 1) It cannot pass a bill of attainder—one that punishes a person or group without a trial; and 2) Withdraw money from the Reserves, unless the Senate unanimously votes to do so.

Section 12—Presidential Appointments

The Senate may approve any Presidential appointments with a majority vote.

Section 13—Vetoing

Subsection 1

Passed legislative proposals shall go to the President for approval before becoming law.

Subsection 2

If the President does not sign and approve the bill, the President shall return the bill to the Senate with his or her objections. The Senate may reconsider the objections. If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds of the Senate shall agree to pass the bill, it shall become a law. In all cases, the votes of the Senate shall be determined by “yeas” and “nays,” and the names of the members voting for and against the bill shall be entered in the record.

Subsection 3

If any bill shall not be returned by the President within ten business days after it has been presented to them, the same shall be a law, in the same manner as if they had signed it, unless the Senate by their adjournment prevent its return, in which case it shall not be a law.

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94 **ARTICLE II—EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

95 **Section 1—The President**

96 The Executive Power shall be vested in a President of the Associated Students of Cerritos
97 College.

98 **Section 2—Vice President**

99 The Vice President shall serve as the President of the Senate while the Senate is in session.

100 **Section 3—Election**

101 The President shall hold office for a term of one year, and, together with the Vice President, be
102 elected.

103 **Section 4—President’s Oath**

104 Before the President enters the execution of their office, they shall take the following Oath or
105 Affirmation: “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President
106 of the Associated Students, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the
107 Constitution of the Associated Students.”

108 **Section 5—Vice President’s Oath**

109 Before the Vice President-Elect enters the execution of their office, they shall take the following
110 Oath or Affirmation: “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the
111 Constitution of the Associated Students against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will
112 bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental
113 reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the
114 office on which I am about to enter.”

115 **Section 6—Presidency**

116 **Subsection 1**

117 No person, who shall not have attained the academic standing of a sophomore by the first
118 full Semester of office and a cumulative 2.00 GPA as be eligible for the office of the
119 President or Vice President.

120 **Subsection 2**

121 Both the President and Vice President shall officially begin their term of office the first
122 Monday following the last day of the Spring Semester.

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125 **Subsection 3**

126 In case of the removal of the President from office, their death, or resignation the Vice
127 President shall become President.

128 **Subsection 4**

129 Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice President, the President shall
130 nominate a Vice President who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of
131 the Senate.

132 **Subsection 5**

133 Whenever the President transmits to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate a written
134 declaration that they are unable to discharge the powers and duties of their office, and
135 until they transmit to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate a written declaration to the
136 contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting
137 President.

138 **Subsection 6**

139 The Senate may, by law, provide for the Case of Removal, Death, Resignation or
140 Inability, both of the President and Vice President, declaring what officer shall then act as
141 President, and such officer shall act accordingly, until the disability be removed, or a
142 President shall be elected.

143 **Section 7—Compensation**

144 **Subsection 1**

145 The President and Vice President shall receive compensation for their services to the
146 College, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during their term in office.

147 **Subsection 2**

148 Cabinet Members may receive compensation for their services to the College.

149 **Section 8—Appointment**

150 **Subsection 1**

151 The President shall have the power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to
152 appoint Ambassadors, Judges of the Court, and all other officers of the Associated
153 Students, whose appointments are not otherwise provided for, and which shall be
154 established by law.

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156 **Subsection 2**

157 The President shall have the power to fill any vacancies that may happen during the
158 Senate session by granting commissions, which shall expire at the end of their next
159 session.

160 **Section 9—The Cabinet**

161 **Subsection 1**

162 The President shall, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint department heads,
163 known as the Cabinet.

164 **Subsection 2**

165 The Members of the Cabinet shall serve no longer than the term of the President.

166 **Section 10—State of the Students**

167 **Subsection 1**

168 The President shall, from time-to-time, give to the Senate information on the State of the
169 Associated Students, and recommend to their consideration such measures as they shall
170 judge necessary and expedient.

171 **Subsection 2**

172 They may, on extraordinary occasions, convene both the Senate and Court. Concerning
173 the Time of Adjournment, they may adjourn them to such time as they shall deem proper.

174 **Section 11—Impeachment**

175 **Subsection 1**

176 The President, Vice President, and all appointed officers of the Associated Students, shall
177 be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other
178 high crimes and misdemeanors.

179 **Subsection 2**

180 Articles of impeachment shall be first drafted in the Senate by any member.

181 **Subsection 3**

182 Thereafter, the Senate shall convict and remove the President from office, with the
183 President Pro Tempore being the Presiding Officer.

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ARTICLE III—JUDICIAL BRANCH

187 **Section 1—Judicial Power**

188 The Judicial Power of the Associated Students, shall be vested in a Court. The Judicial Power
189 shall extend to all cases in law and equity, arising under this Constitution, the laws of the
190 Associated Students.

191 **Section 2—Jurisdiction**

192 The Court shall have sole power to punish in all matters brought before the judiciary pertaining
193 to the Associated Students Body, including expulsion from the Associated Students Body and
194 any lesser measure.

195 **Section 3—Appointment**

196 Justices shall carry an accumulative GPA of 2.00 at the time of their appointment.

197 **Section 4—Term Limit**

198 Justices shall hold their offices during good behavior and while adhering to the laws of the
199 Associated Students.

200 **Section 5—Positions**

201 The Court shall have no more than one Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices.

202 **Section 6—Compensation**

203 **Subsection 1**

204 The Chief Justice shall receive compensation for their services to the College, which shall
205 not be diminished during their continuance in office.

206 **Subsection 2**

207 Associate Justices may receive compensation for their services to the College.

208 **Section 7—Public**

209 The Court shall maintain a public docket.

210 **Section 8—Judicial Journal**

211 The Court shall, within three days, publish a Journal after every session or meeting.

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ARTICLE IV—AMENDMENTS

218 **Section 1—Amendment Proposal**

219 Whenever any member of the Senate deems it necessary, they can propose Amendments to the
220 Constitution. The proposal can only be recommended to the Associated Students membership
221 with a two-thirds vote.

222 **Section 2—Ratification**

223 The proposed Amendment shall be ratified with a two-thirds vote of the Associated Students
224 membership in an election.