



CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We the students of Boise State University establish this student government for two core purposes: First, to facilitate educational, intellectual, social, and cultural engagement at the University, and second, to advocate for the interests of students at the University.

ARTICLE I – The Associated Students of Boise State University

Section 1. The student government of Boise State University will be known as the Associated Students of Boise State University, hereafter known and referred to as ASBSU

Section 2. All fee-paying students of the University comprise the Associated Students.

Section 3. ASBSU will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, veteran status, political affiliation, gender identity/expression, or sexual orientation in matters of employment, services, requests for funds, educational, or other activities.

Section 4. All officers of ASBSU, elected, hired, and appointed, must be full fee-paying students. All student personnel of ASBSU, elected, hired, and appointed, must acquire a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale prior to running for a position unless otherwise specified in this Constitution. They must also receive a 2.5 GPA or higher each semester in office. Failure to do so will result in immediate removal from office.

Section 5. In the event of a vacancy in the role of President due to resignation, impeachment, or personal issues, the Vice President will take the role of President and another Vice President will be appointed and approved by both the Executive Council and the Student Assembly by majority vote. In the event of vacancies in the Executive Council, the President will appoint students to all vacant positions with majority approval by the Executive Council and the Student Assembly. In the event of the removal of both the President and the Vice President, the Ethics Officer will take office as President and an emergency election will take place between the Executive Council and the Student Assembly. Once the new President and Vice President have been elected the President will appoint all vacant positions following the protocol listed above. An administrative removal will not occur prior to the tenth day of the fall and spring semesters, nor will academic removals occur while an academic grievance, filed by the officer in questions, is underway.

ARTICLE II – The Executive Council

Section 1. All legislative power is vested in the Executive Council after reviewing and highly considering the recommendation of those stated in Article IX.

Section 2. The membership of the Executive Council consists of the President and the Vice President, the elected Secretaries, an Ethics Officer, a Chief of Staff, a Government Relations Officer, and a Communication Officer.

Section 3. The President is responsible for the internal operations of the Executive Council, serves as chair of official meetings of the Executive Council, and votes only in the case of ties. All other members of the

Executive Council are defined as voting members. In the absence of the President, the Vice President will serve as the chair of the Executive Council.

Section 4. Quorum is defined as more than one-half (50% +1) of Executive Council officers.

Section 5. Executive Council Responsibilities

1. The Executive Council will approve by majority vote any appointee who is entitled to a service award, unless otherwise stated in this Constitution.
2. The Executive Council will follow protocol stated in Article X regarding any regulations to code and all other legislation as may be necessary for the general welfare of the Associated Students.
3. The Executive Council has authority over all accounts and reserve funds of ASBSU once the protocol listed under Article X, Section 4 have been accomplished.
4. The Executive Council will establish and determine the functions of any ASBSU committees or boards, with the exception of any executive committee designated by the President.
5. The Executive Council will set the time, date, and place of its meetings and may call special meetings with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
6. Every bill that passes the protocol stated within Article IX, Section 5 of this constitution will be submitted to the President before it goes into effect. If the President approves, ze will sign the bill. If ze does not approve, ze will veto the bill within two (2) weeks of its passage. The Executive Council may overrule the veto with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. The Executive Council will have no more than two (2) opportunities to override the veto within two (2) weeks. If any bill is not vetoed or signed within two (2) weeks of being passed, the same bill will go into effect, unless the Executive Council prevents its return by their adjournment, in which case it will not go into effect.
7. All records of Executive Council proceedings will be made publicly available. The Executive Council will have open meetings at regular intervals with the locations publicly announced in advance.
8. Executive Council officers will be subject to removal from office or impeachment.
9. Executive Council officers will be elected by votes cast by the Associated Students enrolled at the time of election. Executive Council officers will serve a term of approximately one (1) year and may be reelected in subsequent years.

ARTICLE III – President, Vice President, Secretaries, Hired Officers and Appointed Officials

Section 1. The ASBSU President

1. The President will set the vision and direction of ASBSU.
2. The President will administer the affairs of ASBSU and will execute all legislation, code, and regulations adopted by ASBSU.
3. The President is the primary diplomat and will develop and maintain relations with the University administration and all other entities that affect the general welfare of the Associated Students.
4. The President will establish executive committees as necessary to serve the general welfare of the Associated Students.
5. The President has the primary authority to make all appointments to all University committees that include students.
6. The President has the primary authority to fill any vacancy in an elected or appointed office for the remainder of the term with majority approval of the Executive Council.

7. When the Executive Council is not in session, the President may fill any vacancy by appointment without the approval of the Executive Council. When it reconvenes, the appointment will be subject to the approval of the Executive Council.
8. The President may dismiss, with stated cause, any ASBSU officer directly appointed by the President with the exception of elected officials whose office, in normal occasions, is filled by election.
9. The President is a non-voting, ex-officio member of all ASBSU committees.
10. The President presides over the Executive Council and staff and may request the opinion, in writing, of any Executive Council officer on any relevant subject.
11. The President will perform or delegate any other duties that are necessary to promote and maintain the general welfare of the Associated Students.
12. The President is responsible for holding all ASBSU officers accountable to their position descriptions and to all tasks taken up by the officer.
13. If a review of the ASBSU Constitution or ASBSU Code is requested by any student, faculty, or staff, the President will call a Special Meeting of the Executive Council to review the request.

Section 2. The ASBSU Vice President

1. The Vice President will assist the President in all his responsibilities, be aware of all relevant University policies, and chair as the Assembly Speaker.
2. When the President is not available, the Vice President will represent ASBSU.

Section 3. ASBSU Secretaries

1. A Secretary addresses and works with other entities that may affect or be affected by ASBSU. These positions will hold spots on the Executive Council and will deal with aspects of the University that need special attention from ASBSU.
2. The Secretary of Academic Affairs is the primary student representative on all issues related to academic affairs. Ze will represent ASBSU at all Faculty Senate meetings, meet with the Provost regularly, assist in the appointment of students to academic University committees, facilitate recognition of faculty, and chair a Student Academic Advisory Board as specified in ASBSU Code.
3. The Secretary of Student Organization Affairs is the primary representative of Student Organizations and will assist Student Organizations in their operations and serve as Student Funding Board Chair.
4. The Secretary of Community Relations is the primary representative of the Associated Students to the community. This community includes, but is not limited to: alumni, local business and community leaders.
5. If additional Secretary positions are needed, the President will propose a position description to the Executive Council, which may approve the position for one (1) year. If the position is to exist for the next term, it will be listed on the ballot in the next general election. If the position is to exist during the current term, the Executive Council must approve the President's nomination. If a Secretary position exists for more than one (1) election cycle, it must be added in a constitutional revision.

Section 4. ASBSU Hired Officers

1. Student Ethics Officer:
 - a. The Student Ethics Officer is responsible for holding all ASBSU officers accountable to the University Statement of Shared Values.
 - b. The Student Ethics Officer will serve as the complainant in any impeachment hearings, as provided in this Constitution and ASBSU Code.

- c. The Student Ethics Officer will report to any body of ASBSU as requested. The Student Ethics Officer will meet bi-weekly with Executive Council members as well as ASBSU committees.
- d. The Student Ethics Officer will serve as a voting member on the Student Funding Board.
- e. The Student Ethics Officer is subject to removal from office if requested jointly by ASBSU officers and approved by the Student Assembly at a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote.
- f. The Student Ethics Officer is hired following the guidelines stated in Article IX, Section 1.
- g. The Student Ethics Officer must provide a monthly report to the Executive Council as well as one direct advisor, and file this report on the ASBSU server. The Student Ethics Officer must share this report with the Student Assembly at the Student Ethics Officer's discretion.
- h. The Student Ethics Officer will serve as the facilitator between ASBSU officers and related parties upon request.

2. Chief of Staff:

- a. The Chief of Staff is responsible for monitoring and optimizing the use of ASBSU funds. Ze is the primary liaison to Student Involvement and Leadership Center financial staff.
- b. The Chief of Staff will attend all Executive Council meetings and Student Assembly meetings in order to take minutes. Once the minutes are finished ze will be responsible for relaying the document to all, but not limited to: the ASBSU Executive Council, ASBSU advisors, the President's office, The Arbiter, and The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities Director.
- c. The Chief of Staff will work with the President and Vice President on budget planning.
- d. The Chief of Staff will serve as an officer of the Student Funding Board.
- e. The Chief of Staff is hired following the guidelines stated in Article IX, Section 1.

3. Government Relations Officer:

- a. The Government Relations Officer will responsibly advocate for student interests in regards to relevant political initiatives.
- b. The Government Relations Officer will act as a student body representative at the Idaho State Legislature.
- c. The Government Relations Officer must utilize a bipartisan agenda and be hired based off of prior political experience.
- d. The Government Relations Officer is hired following the guidelines stated in Article IX, Section 1.
- e. The Government Relations Officer will help serve in the hiring of the next year's Government Relations Officer.

4. Communication Officer:

- a. The Communication Officer will manage all social media accounts.
- b. The Communication Officer must be familiar with coding on the Wordpress format on

Boise State University's website.

- c. The Communication Officer must be familiar with graphic design programs such as Adobe Photoshop.
- d. The Communication Officer is responsible for outreach to local and campus media outlets.
- e. The Communication Officer is hired following the guidelines stated in Article IX, Section 1.
- f. The Communication Officer will help serve in the hiring of the next year's Communication Officer.

Section 5. ASBSU Appointed Officials

1. An officer position on the Executive Council is considered an Appointed Official position if it deals with the internal operations of ASBSU. An Appointed Official focuses on work for ASBSU, including, but not limited to, administrative, financial, and marketing work.
2. If additional Appointed Official positions are needed, the President will propose a position description to the Executive Council, which may approve the position for one (1) year. If the position is to exist during the current term, the Executive Council must approve the President's nomination. If an Appointed Official position exists for more than one (1) election cycle, it must be added in a constitutional revision.

Section 6. The position of the Vice President of Inclusive Excellence will be slated (i.e. 2-3 participants will be selected by the outgoing of the Inclusive Excellence Student Council [IESC], the President, and advisors to the IESC to run for the election). Those picked to run for the position will follow campaign rules and guidelines required of all other elected ASBSU officers;

1. Definition of Slate: A slate is a group of candidates that run in multi-seat or multi-position elections on a common platform. The common platform may be because the candidates have similar policies, represent similar voices on campus, or for some other reason.
2. Purpose of Slate: To ensure that the selected candidates are equipped with the cultural competency and cultural humility skills and knowledge of historical and systemic forms of oppression that affect our institution. We believe that student voice is imperative in the review and selection of this position, therefore, the slating process allows for student input to be the final deciding factor through the electoral process.

ARTICLE IV – The Student Funding Board

Section 1. The responsibility to fund Student Organizations is vested in the Student Funding Board

Section 2. The Student Funding Board will meet publicly and regularly in order to vote on Student Organization funding requests.

1. The Student Funding Board will be comprised of the Secretary of Student Organization Affairs, Ethics Officer, Chief of Staff, and an additional three (3) to five (5) Funding Board Officers who will be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Council. The Secretary for Student Organization Affairs serves as the Student Funding Board Chair.
2. At least three (3) Student Funding Board Officers must be present to establish quorum, though one (1) may be non-voting.

Section 3. The President and Vice President may remove the Student Funding Board Officers, with stated cause. The President and Vice President may demote the Student Funding Board Chair, with stated cause.

ARTICLE V – The Inclusive Excellence Student Council

Section 1. The responsibility to hold the greater Boise State University accountable to its Statement of Shared Values, Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion, and the Student Code of Conduct is vested to the Inclusive Excellence Student Council (IESC);

1. The IESC will review and offer suggestions on behalf of marginalized student populations on the Boise State campus as it pertains to: oppressive, discriminatory or exclusive policies set forth by the institution;
2. The IESC will be responsible for editing/responding to national/state/local dialogue that may pose threats or may disrupt or interrupt a student's ability to engage in their educational attainment;
 - a. Responses must be approved by the President prior to publication
3. The IESC will provide support and advise the VPIE on the ASBSU Executive Team
4. Serve as an advisory board, upon request, to organizations and departments associated with students and the campus community and advise the Vice President of Inclusive Excellence (VPIE);
5. Maintain communication with Boise State's Policy Manager and with Boise State's General Legal Council to create and strengthen a sustainable relationship;
6. Review and address a wide range of social injustices that impact Boise State University's students;
 - a. The IESC will serve as an appeal process that create a checks and balance system for students to utilize should their bill or resolution fail to pass through the ASBSU Assembly.
 - i. IESC would hear appeals that pertain to the mission statement
 - b. Should a student choose to appeal their bill or resolution through the IESC, all council members will review the bill or resolution and then vote on said bill or resolution with equal voting rights with ASBSU executive council.

Section 2. The IESC will meet, publicly upon request and, regularly in order to vote on policy changes.

1. The IESC will be comprised of 4 hired students selected by the President, Vice President, VPIE, outgoing hired council members, and select advisors to ASBSU and the IESC.
 - a. The ASBSU Ethics Officer will ensure the integrity of the hiring process, addressing any and all contentions and conflicts of interest.
2. At least three (3) IESC members must be present to establish quorum at the IESC meetings, though one (1) may be non-voting.

Section 3. The IESC Members will be expected to be held to a standard of accountability pertaining to the liberation of The Last Girl;

1. The Last Girl is a concept and strategic framework that operates with historically marginalized members of our community centered at decision making processes. The rationale is the liberation of oppressed identities ultimately working toward true inclusion.
2. Every action of the council must not jeopardize, out, or cause harm to the most marginalized of our communities.

Section 4. The IESC will be responsible for the appointment of 5 secured ASBSU Assembly seats, that will not be students on the IESC;

1. They will appoint assembly members informed according to the values of the IESC which centers on the liberation of the Last Girl.

Section 5. Members of the IESC may only serve up to 3 academic school years during their time at Boise State University;

1. IESC Members who wish to return for another term must go through an evaluation process with the Director of the Student Diversity and Inclusion with input from the incoming VPIE.
2. All positions will be advertised until the new members are selected.

ARTICLE VI – The Student Assembly

Section 1. The Student Assembly exists to provide student representation for all academic departments and concentrated student populations, disseminate important information to students, and deliver student opinion.

Section 2. Student Assembly Composition

1. The Student Assembly will also include representatives from multiple concentrated student populations as specified in ASBSU Code. These representatives may be elected or appointed depending on the population, as determined in ASBSU Code.
2. The Student Assembly will provide membership for committees as described in ASBSU Code.
3. If Student Assembly positions are vacant after a Student Assembly election, the President, in consultation with the respective representation therefrom – will nominate students, if applicable, and confirmed by the Student Assembly.
4. The Student Assembly will have quorum if it has more than one-half (50%+1) of its total membership is present.

Section 3. Student Assembly Leadership

1. The Vice President will lead the Student Assembly. If the Vice President cannot attend an Assembly meeting, the President will act as the Assembly Speaker for the duration of that meeting.

Section 4. The Student Assembly will make formal recommendations, collaborate with students, represent the interests of the Associated Students, vote on impeachment proceedings, vote to approve bills and hires, and approve constitutional amendments and revisions.

Section 5. The Student Assembly will meet approximately every other week at a time and day stated in ASBSU Code. Special sessions may be called as specified in ASBSU Code.

ARTICLE VII – ASBSU Elections

Section 1. The Executive Council will regulate and specify the manner and conduct of all elections through appropriate legislation within the constraints of this Constitution.

Section 2. Elections for the President, Vice President, and all Secretaries will be held in or before the second week of April. Elections will not be held earlier than the second week of March.

Section 3. The President, Vice President, and Secretaries will be inaugurated no later than the last weekday of April.

Section 4. All members of the Student Assembly will be selected within the first four (4) weeks following the inauguration of the President, Vice President, and Secretaries.

Section 5. All elections will occur for a consecutive period of at least two (2) days and not more than five (5) days. This period may be clarified by ASBSU Code.

Section 6. An initiative will be voted on by the Associated Students if a petition is filed with the validated signatures and student identification numbers of five (5) percent of the Associated Students. An initiative will go into effect upon its approval by a majority of the ballots cast by the Associated Students in a general or special election. No initiative will go into effect if it contradicts this Constitution.

Section 7. A referendum to nullify any piece of ASBSU legislation will only be placed before the Associated Students in an election if a petition is filed with the validated signatures and student identification numbers of five (5) percent of the Associated Students. Any piece of ASBSU legislation will be nullified if it is voted down by a majority of the Associated Students in a general or special election.

ARTICLE VIII – Removal from Office

Section 1. All Executive Council members of ASBSU are subject to removal from office by impeachment.

Section 2. Any member of the Associated Students may file a complaint with the Student Ethics Officer to recommend the impeachment process be initiated against any ASBSU Executive Council member.

Section 3. The Student Ethics Officer may propose the impeachment, with stated cause, of any ASBSU officer.

Section 4. Impeachment hearings will be held before the Student Assembly. The Student Assembly will vote in favor or against impeachment, and a two-thirds (2/3) vote will be required to approve the motion. Impeachment by the Student Assembly leads directly to removal from office.

ARTICLE IX – Constitutional Amendment and Revision

Section 1. A convention will be called for proposing amendments and/or revisions to this Constitution with simple majority approval in both the Executive Council and the Student Assembly.

Section 2. Delegates will include three (3) Executive Council officers appointed by the President, one of whom must lead the convention, three (3) Student Assembly members appointed by the Vice President, two (2) Student Funding Board Officers appointed by the Student Funding Board Chair, and two (2) students-at-large appointed by the President and confirmed by the Executive Council.

Section 3. A Convention requires at least six (6) delegates to be present for quorum. Amendments and/or revisions must be approved by at least six (6) delegates.

Section 4. If proposed amendments and/or revisions affect no more than one (1) article of this Constitution, they may be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership of the Student Assembly.

1. Any changes to Article V of the ASBSU Constitution must receive $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote in ASBSU Student Assembly before being brought to the ASBSU Executive Team for supermajority vote, and to the IESC for final supermajority approval;

Section 5. If the proposed amendments and/or revisions do not pass, or if they affect more than one (1) article, they will be submitted to the Associated Students in a general or special election as specified in Article VII. Amendments to Article VII cannot be passed by the Student Assembly and must always be featured in a general or special election.

Section 6. Proposed amendments and/or revisions submitted to the Associated Students must be approved by a simple majority. A minimum of five hundred (500) students must vote in order for an amendment or revision to be considered approved by election.

ARTICLE X – Legislation

Section 1. Hired Officers are to be selected by both an application process and an interview conducted with the President and Vice President, President- and Vice President-elect, and the Student Involvement and Leadership Center Director or a designee.

Section 2. Appointed Officials are to be selected by a nomination from the Executive Council and confirmed by the Student Assembly with a majority vote.

Section 3. Assembly Members are to be selected by a nomination from the Executive Council and confirmed by the Student Ethics Officer.

Section 4. The fiscal year budget is to be proposed by the outgoing and incoming Executive Council and confirmed by the new Student Assembly with a majority vote.

Section 5. Bills are to be proposed by the Executive Council and confirmed by the Student Assembly with a majority vote.

Section 6. Resolutions are to be proposed by the Student Assembly and confirmed by the Executive Council with a majority vote.

Section 7. Regulations to the ASBSU Code will be presented by the Student Ethics Officer and approved by both the Executive Council and the Student Assembly by a majority vote.

Confirmation and Approval

Kaleb Smith, ASBSU President

Date

Dr. Martin Schimpf, Boise State University Interim President

Date

Confirmation and Approval History:

- In the 2010-2011 academic school year, student government officials explored new structures of student government
- A Constitutional Convention was held during late January and early February of 2011 and attended by the following delegates: ASBSU President Stephen Heleker, Vice President Zach Snoderly, senators Colette Breshears and Sarah Tatistcheff, Justices Herbert Pollard and Gabriel Iacoboni, and students-at-large Ryan Finney and Shaila Schmidt. Senate Pro-Tempore Mark Gehrke directed the convention meetings.
- On February 09, 2011, Constitutional Convention delegates voted in favor of this new Constitution by a vote of 4-1-1, with two delegates absent. Students voted to ratify the Constitution on March 1 – 3, 2011.
- A Constitutional Convention was held from late November of 2011 through early February of 2012. ASBSU Vice President Eeric Schuler led the convention meetings which were attended by the following delegates: President Brandie VanOrder; Secretary of Academic Affairs Sarah Tatistcheff; Funding Board members Mike Ingham and Geraldine Elizondo; Assembly Members James Skaggs, Derik Rudd, and Danh Nguyen; and students-at-large Allyanna Wintermote and Domenic Gelsomino.
- On February 13, 2012, Constitutional Convention Delegates voted in favor of this revised Constitution by a vote of 5-0-0 with four delegates absent.
- In the 2012-2013 academic school year, student government needed to adapt their newly created structure to better serve students.
- In February, 2013 a constitutional convention was held. ASBSU Vice President, Nick Gaudio led the convention meetings, and the following delegates were sent to convene: President, Ryan Gregg; Secretary for Student Organization Affairs, Felycia Itza; Budget Director, Doug Avera; Funding Board member Nick London; Assembly members Jayson Davis, Meganelise Riley, and Dane Snow; and students at large Alex Erickson (also ASBSU Ethics Officer) and Nick Propp.
- On February 15, 2013, Constitutional Convention Delegates voted in favor of this revised Constitution by a vote of 6-0-0 with four delegates absent.
- On February 19, 2016, Constitutional Convention was held. Ethics Officer, Milaun Danclar led the convention meeting and the following delegates attended: Secretary of Academic Affairs, Jenna Adkins; Assembly Speaker, Rebecca Kopp; Chief of Staff/Funding Board, Olivia Sandquist; Communication Officer, Maddie Wharton; Assembly Members, Jessica Wauer, Marcus Miller, Thomas Lippman, and Cheyenne Hastings. Constitutional Convention Delegates voted in favor of this revised Constitution by a vote of 8-0-0.
- On February 24, 2016, Student Assembly members voted in favor of this revised Constitution by a vote of 20-0-1.
- On February 24, 2016, Executive Council members voted in favor of this revised Constitution by a vote of 6-0-3 with no absences.
- February 8th, 2017, Constitutional Convention was held. President, Rebecca Kopp led the convention meeting and the following delegates were sent to convene: Vice President, Jade Donnelly; Chief of Staff, Connor Tweet; Secretary of Academic Affairs, Olivia Rodriguez; Secretary of External Affairs, Thomas Lippman; Secretary of Organization Affairs, Wesley Armstrong; Communication Officer, Maddie Wharton; and Student Lobbyist, Josh Scholer.
- On February 8, 2017, Student Assembly members voted in favor of this revised Constitution by a vote of 30-0-0.
- On February 8, 2017, Executive Council members voted in favor of this revised Constitution by a vote of 5-0-0 with two absences.
- On February 28, 2018, Constitutional Convention was held. It commenced for one and a half hours and was tabled until March 4, 2018. On this date a Convention was held. Community Relations Officer, Austin Henderson led the convention meetings with the following delegates present: Secretary of Student Organization, Kaleb Smith; Ethics Officer, Ben Kizer; Student Funding Board Officer, Hannah Sturtevant; Student Funding Board Officer, Jackson Blackwell; Assembly Member, Reegan Jacobson; Assembly Member, Esperanza Gomez; Assembly Member, Miranda Thompson; Student at large, Jana Hockersmith; and Student at large, Bibiana Ortiz.
- On March 4, 2018, Convention Members voted in favor of this revised Constitution by a vote of 9-0-0 with one absence.
- On March 22, 2018, the students of Boise State voted in favor of this revised Constitution 486-41-0.