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Preamble

We, the students of Golden West College, do establish by this Constitution a governing coalition committed to assemble and organize the student body for the overall welfare of the students. The purpose of the Associated Students is to assure effective student representation and participation at Golden West College through action and in concert with other constituencies of the college; participate in the formation and improvement of educational programs; protect full freedom of assembly and expression in the college community; articulate and represent the student interests in the operation of the campus; provide services and coordinate activities for the students; and advance the common interest and concern of the students. We, therefore, do hereby establish this Constitution.

Article I. **NAME**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF GOLDEN WEST COLLEGE and shall hereon be referred to as the ASGWC.

Article II. **MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. All currently enrolled Golden West College students are members of the ASGWC.

Article III. **COMPOSITION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

Section 1. The Student Government shall be comprised of the following entities: Executive Student Council, Student Senate, Standing Committees, Student Commissions, and Inter-Club Council.

Section 2. The presiding body of the Associated Students of Golden West College shall be the Executive Student Council.

Article IV. **RATIFICATION OF AND AMENDMENTS TO THE ASGWC CONSTITUTION**

Section 1. The constitution may be amended by a majority of those voting in a

campus-wide general election, providing that the amendment was approved by a majority vote of the Executive Student Council or that 5 percent of the fourth-week enrollment of the Golden West College student body signed a petition requesting an amendment.

Section 2. In extreme cases due to changes in the California Education Code, or District Policy the ASGWC Executive Student Council has the right to make amendments to the Constitution providing a reasonable amount of time is given for public notification no less than five school days, and with a four-fifths affirmative vote of the Executive Student Council.

Section 3. Amendments to this constitution will be placed after the final article of this constitution in an article titled “Amendments.” Amendments shall be assigned a number and placed chronologically.

Section 4. If an amendment is found to be in conflict with another portion of this constitution or amendment, the amendment most recently ratified shall have supremacy. In the case that two amendments ratified in the same election are in conflict with one another, the amendment receiving the largest number of votes shall have supremacy.

Article V. **ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS**

Section 1. The Executive Student Council shall have the authority to establish bylaws, standing rules, and other governing documents as deemed necessary for the operations of the organization.

Section 2. It shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Executive Student Council to pass, amend or rescind the Bylaws after being published to the Student Body at large for a period of five school days, excluding weekends and campus recognized holidays.

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Article VI. **IMPEACHMENT OF EXECUTIVE STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Section 1. A vote of impeachment can be called by either a petition signed by at least 1 percent of the Golden West College student body at the fourth week of enrollment or a majority of the Executive Student Council.

Section 2. Executive Student Council members may be impeached by a vote from 1 percent of the Golden West College student body at the fourth week of enrollment, with at least two-thirds voting to impeach.

Article VII. **CONSTITUTIONAL PRIORITY**

Section 1. The constitution is the supreme governing document over all ASGWC affairs. In the event of any inconsistency or conflict, the Constitution takes precedence over any other ASGWC documents, including the ASGWC Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Approved at General Election by GWC Student Body:

October 26, 2006

April 21, 2011

May 15, 2015

April 27, 2018