



# **Constitution of the Associated Students Of Columbia Basin College**

## Derivation of Power

The Board of Trustees of Columbia Basin College, acting from the authority vested in the local Board of Trustees as specifically stated in section 14, paragraphs 13 and 14, SHB 548, Chapter 8, Laws of Extraordinary Session 167, by written order included in the minutes of the regular Board of Trustees meeting held on March 13, 1969, hereby delegates the responsibility for student affairs' governance to the Associated Student Body of Columbia Basin College. Such delegation of responsibility shall confine itself to the defined articles and Bylaws as prescribed in the following Constitution of the Associated Students of Columbia Basin College.

## Mission

We, the Associated Students of Columbia Basin College, do hereby establish, for our government, a mission statement, which shall be:

To establish self-governance and student representation.

To enhance leadership experience amongst the student population.

To provide opportunities to develop individual leadership qualities and an understanding of group action.

To promote and serve a diverse student community through extracurricular activities.

To represent and address student interests, needs, and welfare.

To promote student voice as a method of both change and activism.

## Article I: Name

The name of the Association under this Constitution shall be the "Associated Students of Columbia Basin College", hereafter referred to as ASCBC.

## Article II: Membership

All students currently registered for credit or audit in at least one (1) credit hour at Columbia Basin College shall be members of this organization and shall be granted all rights and privileges afforded them by this Constitution.

## Article III: Formation

- A. The government of the ASCBC shall consist of three main branches: Service Corps, Club Council, and Campus Connection Board.
- B. Each branch has a chairperson. The chairpersons make up the ASCBC Executive Council.
- C. Each branch and its chairperson have independent responsibilities to ensure ASCBC is operating efficiently and effectively to serve the overall student body in the areas of service, clubs, and extracurricular activities.
- D. The Chairpersons of the Service Corps, Club Council, and the Chairperson and Officers of the Campus Connection Board will be paid positions under ASCBC.
  - a. These positions will be selected through a student majority hiring committee process.
  - b. The responsibilities and make-up of this committee and references to their proceedings shall be listed in the Bylaws of this Constitution.
- E. The Powers and Responsibilities of each branch and its chairperson shall be listed in the Bylaws of this Constitution.

## Article IV: Executive Council

- A. The ASCBC Executive Council shall consist of the chairpersons of the Service Corp, Club Council, and Campus Connection Board.
- B. In addition to their branch duties, each ASCBC Executive Council member shall be responsible for the fiscal, procedural, and legislative functions of the ASCBC.
- C. ASCBC Executive Council members are also responsible for ensuring student voice at a college and state level.
- D. All candidates for ASCBC Executive Council positions shall faithfully meet all requirements as set forth in the Bylaws of this Constitution.
- E. Powers and responsibilities of the ASCBC Executive Council shall be listed in the Bylaws of this Constitution.

## Article V: The Branches

### SECTION 1: Service Corps

- A. The purpose of Service Corps (hereafter referred to as Corps) is to execute projects to serve students on behalf of ASCBC. These projects should be diverse and promote the mission of ASCBC as set forth in this Constitution.
- B. The Corps shall foster the growth of servant leadership amongst the student population under the direction of the ASCBC Office and the Director of Student Activities (or their designee).
- C. The Corps shall be made up of student volunteers.
- D. The Corps will be chaired by the Service Corps Chairperson.

#### SECTION 2: Club Council

- A. The purpose of the Club Council shall be to represent club interests and needs as part of ASCBC and to educate club members on applicable ASCBC and CBC policies, procedures, and guidelines.
- B. The Club Council shall consist of two (2) representatives chosen by each Club.
- C. Club Council shall be chaired by the Club Council Chairperson.

#### SECTION 3: Campus Connection Board

- A. Campus Connection Board shall consist of students selected to organize extracurricular activities for the student body. These activities should be diverse and promote the mission of ASCBC as set forth in this Constitution.
- B. The Campus Connection Board will be chaired by the Campus Connection Chairperson.

### Article VI: Termination

#### SECTION 1: Removal from Office

All paid student officers may be removed from their positions through a termination of their employment as initiated by the Director of Student Activities, through direct student petition, or as set forth in the Bylaws of this Constitution.

#### SECTION 2: Vacancy of Office

In the event of a vacancy of a paid student officer, the procedure set forth in the Bylaws of this Constitution shall be followed.

### Article VII: Clubs, Organizations, and Services

#### SECTION 1: Clubs

Clubs are student groups chartered by ASCBC and designed to foster unity amongst students through participation in co-curricular or extra-curricular activities. Clubs are student led and student driven with guidance from a faculty or staff advisor. Clubs are meant to advance a central purpose as determined by the club members.

Any group within the student body of Columbia Basin College desiring to organize a club must seek charter through the ASCBC after meeting all qualifications set forth in the Bylaws of this Constitution.

#### SECTION 2: Organizations

Organizations are groups sponsored by ASCBC that make a substantial contribution to the mission of Columbia Basin College through representation of the College in NWAAC sports or through the

co-curricular activities of vocal, instrumental, or dramatic arts. All procedures and requirements for the formation of Organizations shall be set forth in the Bylaws of this Constitution.

### SECTION 3: Services

Services enhance the student experience either through open student involvement, ASCBC self-governance, or direct student support and enrichment. ASCBC sponsored services must guarantee service to any registered student at the College as long as those students meet the qualifications of the service consistent with applicable law. Procedures and requirements for the formation of Services shall be set forth in the Bylaws of this Constitution.

## Article VIII: Amendment & Assessment

The students of Columbia Basin College have the right of Amendment and Assessment as described in the Bylaws of this Constitution.

## Article IX: Initiative and Referendum

The students of Columbia Basin College have the right of Initiative and Referendum as described in the Bylaws of this Constitution.

## Article X: Non-Discrimination and Compliance

ASCBC and its clubs, organizations and services will comply with all applicable CBC policies, rules and regulations, state and federal laws, including but not limited to, that no person shall be unlawfully excluded from participation on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, perceived or actual physical or mental disability, pregnancy, genetic information, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, creed, religion, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or use of a trained guide dog or service animal, as required by Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act and ADA Amendment Act, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act and Washington state's law against discrimination, Chapter 49.60 RCW and their implementing regulations.

## Article XI: Ratification

The President of the Associated Students of Columbia Basin College, does hereby approve and ratify this Constitution on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 in the City of Pasco, State of Washington.

Christopher Bonilla, President