

THE CONSITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE

PREAMBLE

We, the students of Irvine Valley College, do hereby establish this Constitution and Bylaws to encourage student responsibility and self-government.

ARTICLE I Name and Purpose

- Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the Associated Students of Irvine Valley College, hereafter referred to as ASIVC.
- Section 2: The presiding body of the ASIVC shall be the Associated Student Government, hereafter referred to as ASG.
- Section 3: The purpose of the ASG shall be:
- Clause 1: To provide a governing body committed to effective student participation in all areas of student concern.
 - Clause 2: To represent student interests in the operation of Irvine Valley College.
 - Clause 3: To provide communications between the administration, community, faculty, staff and students of Irvine Valley College enhancing the shared governance process.
 - Clause 4: To provide services and coordinate activities for the entire student body of Irvine Valley College.
 - Clause 5: To promote student involvement in the total campus life.
 - Clause 6: To promote cultural and ethnic diversity to the entire college community.
 - Clause 7: To advance our common interests and concerns as students.

ARTICLE II Membership

- Section 1: All students enrolled at Irvine Valley College, except for those enrolled in Community Education courses are members of the ASIVC and shall be accorded the right to vote in college wide elections of the ASIVC.
- Section 2: Honorary membership shall be extended to all members of the Board of Trustees and permanent employees of the Saddleback Community College District. All other honorary memberships shall be granted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the ASIVC Senate.
- Clause 1: Honorary members are not eligible to vote in the ASIVC elections.

ARTICLE III
ASG Structure

- Section 1: The ASG Shall consist of the ASIVC Cabinet, ASIVC Senate, ASIVC Court, Inter-Club Council and SG Committees.
- Section 2: The individual officers, duties, and powers of the ASIVC Cabinet, ASIVC Senate, ASIVC Court, Inter-Club Council and ASG Committees are described in the Bylaws of this Constitution.

ARTICLE IV
Eligibility

- Section 1: The President and Vice President of the ASIVC shall have completed at least twelve (12) units of course work at Irvine Valley College with a cumulative grade point average of at least two point five (2.5) at the time they submit an application for candidacy. While in office they shall maintain at least nine (9) academic units of course work at Irvine Valley College with a cumulative grade point average of at least two point five (2.5).
- Section 2: The Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the ASIVC Court shall have at least nine (9) units of enrollment with a cumulated grade point average of at least two point zero (2.0) at the time they submit an application for candidacy or appointment and throughout their term of office.
- Section 3: The remaining members of the ASG shall have at least six (6) units of enrollment with a cumulative grade point average of at least two point zero (2.0) at the time they submit an application for candidacy or appointment and throughout their term of office.
- Section 4: The manner of selection of all the ASG members is described in the Bylaws of this Constitution.
- Section 5: All ASG members shall retire after six (6) academic semesters of service to the ASIVC.

ARTICLE V
Meetings

- Section 1: The newly elected ASIVC Cabinet and ASIVC Senate shall meet no later than the second week after taking office. The meetings of the ASIVC Cabinet and ASIVC Senate shall assemble on a regular weekly basis, excluding holidays, vacations and finals week. The times of these meetings shall be posted in front of the Student Affairs Office (SC260) and published in the VOICE.
- Section 2: The ASIVC Court shall meet at least eight (8) times per semester, at the minimum of once monthly. The times of these meetings shall be posted in front of the Student Affairs Office (SC260).
- Section 3: The Inter-Club Council shall meet at least twice monthly. The times of these meetings shall be posted in front of the Student Affairs Office (SC260).
- Section 4: All ASG Committees shall meet on a regular basis. The times of these meetings shall be posted in front of the Student Affairs Office (SC260).
- Section 5: All ASIVC meetings shall be open to the public and abide by the current conditions, as stated in the Brown Act.
- Section 6: All ASIVC meetings shall be conducted under the current Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Current Edition.

Section 7: No business may be conducted without the presence of a quorum. A majority of the ASIVC Cabinet, SIVC Senate, ASIVC Court, Inter-Club Council or committee members currently holding office shall constitute a quorum.

Clause 1: A majority shall consist of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the current voting members.

ARTICLE VI Elections

Section 1: Each candidate running for an elected office shall file application for candidacy (see Section 16 of the ASIVC Manual for ASIVC Forms) with the Elections Committee located in the Student Affairs Office (SC260).

Clause 1: The application for candidacy shall be filed at least three (3) business weeks prior to elections or shall be invalid.

Section 2: General ASIVC Elections shall take place any two (2) consecutive business days during the month specified by the Elections Committee.

Clause 1: Special Elections may be called at the request of any ASIVC Senator; supported by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the ASIVC Senate, or through a petition signed by at least five percent (5%) of the ASIVC membership, as of the "first census" from the current semester.

Clause 2: All ASIVC General and Special Elections will be conducted by the ASIVC Court through the Elections Committee.

Section 3: Write-in candidates shall be eligible to run for and hold any ASG office. Write-in candidates shall file a petition for candidacy (see Section 16 of the ASIVC Manual for ASIVC Forms) by 12:00 noon, the day prior to elections or shall be invalid. Write in candidates must file a petition signed by at least fifty (50) IVC students. A write-in candidate shall have the option of requesting and receiving the petition from the Student Affairs Office (SC260) anytime after the official deadline for application for candidacy has passed. They shall be able to file the petition any time up until 12:00 noon, the day prior to elections or shall be invalid.

Section 4: The Election Code is described in the Bylaws of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII Appointments and Vacancies

Section 1: In the case of a vacancy, appointments to the ASIVC Cabinet and ASIVC Court shall be made by the President and ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the ASIVC Senate, with the exception of the President, which shall be filled by the Vice President.

Section 2: The President shall appoint, with simple majority approval of the ASIVC Senate, the chair for all ASG Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees, unless otherwise chaired.

Section 3: The President shall appoint, with simple majority approval of the ASIVC Senate, all student representatives to the College Standing Committees.

- Section 4: Anyone appointed by the President to an ASG position, except for an appointed Senator, may be removed at the discretion of the President and ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the ASIVC Senate. (See Section VII “Rules Code” of the ASIVC Bylaws for removal of officers.
- Section 5: All ASG Vacancies shall be filled according to the process outlined in the Bylaws of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII Finance

- Section 1: The ASIVC shall finance its program of government and activities through the sale of the ASIVC Cards, contract services and other legal fundraising activities it may sponsor.
- Section 2: The Finance Code is described in the Bylaws of this Constitution.

ARTICLE IX Initiative, Referendum and Recall

- Section 1: Initiative – Any rule, regulation or constitutional amendment may be initiated by the ASIVC upon filing with the ASIVC Secretary a petition for such action signed by at least five percent (5%) of the total SIVC membership based on “first census” enrollment from the current semester. After the petition and signatures have been verified by the ASIVC Vice President, the Elections Committee shall make provisions to place the measure on the ballot at the next election.
- Section 2: Referendum – There shall be two (2) types of Referenda. One type shall be initiated by the ASIVC, the other by the ASIVC Senate.
- Clause 1: The ASIVC Senate, by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, may resolve to place proposed legislation on the ballot for approval by a simple majority of legal votes cast.
- Clause 2: Irvine Valley College students may seek an act of the ASIVC Senate, with the exception of the approval of presidential appointments, be placed on the ballot by filing a petition with the ASIVC Secretary signed by at least five percent (5%) of the total ASIVC membership based on “first census” enrollment from the current semester. After the petition and signatures have been verified by the ASIVC Vice President, the Elections Committee shall make provisions to place the legislation on the ballot at the next election. Such a petition shall be filed within two (2) business weeks from the time the legislation is acted upon.
- Section 3: Recall – Any elected officer of the ASIVC shall be subject to recall upon filing with the ASIVC Secretary a petition for such action signed by at least five percent (5%) of the total ASIVC membership based on “first census” enrollment from the current semester. After the petition and signatures have been verified by the ASIVC Vice President, the Elections Committee shall order an election to take place not less than one (1) business week or more than three (3) business weeks after the first regular ASIVC Senate session succeeding the filing and validation of the petition.
- Section 4: All proposals to be placed on the ballot shall be submitted to the ASIVC Court for review at least two (2) business weeks prior to the next election.

ARTICLE X
Bylaws

- Section 1: The ASG shall have the authority to determine rules and regulations, which shall be, called Bylaws. Bylaws shall always be in agreement with the ASIVC Constitution.
- Section 2: It shall require two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the ASIVC Senate to pass or rescind a Bylaw.

ARTICLE XI
Amendments

- Section 1: The ASIVC Cabinet and ASIVC Senate shall have the power by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of both branches, to propose amendments to this Constitution and to submit such amendments to the ASIVC for approval or disapproval.
- Section 2: This Constitution may be amended by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the legal votes cast by ballot at any election of the ASIVC. Notice of such amendments shall be given at least two (2) business weeks before said election and shall be formally stated in the call for such an election.

ARTICLE XII
Constitutional Authority

- Section 1: All interpretations of this Constitution, Bylaws, Policies or Executive Orders of the ASIVC shall be determined by the ASIVC Court.
- Section 2: This Constitution, either in part or in whole, may be preempted by the Constitution of the United States of America or the California State Constitution, in regard to the civil rights of all members of the ASIVC.
- Section 3: This Constitution shall be considered as the final authority and supersede the constitution of any student club/organization on the campus of Irvine Valley College.
- Section 4: This Constitution, either in part or in whole, may be preempted by the California Education Code, Title 5 Regulation or Saddleback Community College District Board Policy.