

ASUW CONSTITUTION - ABRIDGED

ARTICLE IV: Membership

All regularly enrolled students of the University of Washington who have paid supporting fees established by the Board of Regents, and who so voluntarily choose, are be members of the ASUW. Only members of the ASUW are entitled to vote in any ASUW election, to represent the ASUW, or to hold any office controlled by the ASUW.

ARTICLE VII: The Board of Directors

SECTION 1: Membership.

- A. The voting membership of the Board of Directors consists of the following nine student members, each with one vote:
 - 1. The ASUW President.
 - 2. The ASUW Vice President.
 - 3. Six (6) representatives-at-large provided in the ASUW Bylaws.
 - 4. One representative selected by (GPSS).
- B. The non-voting membership of the Board of Directors consists of the following six ex officio members:
 - 1. ASUW Finance and Budget Director.
 - 2. ASUW Personnel Director.
 - 3. ASUW Communications Director.
 - 4. One representative selected by the Student Senate.
 - 5. The Director of Student Activities, or designee.
 - 6. An official representative of the University administration, selected by the President of the University.

SECTION 2: Officers of the Board of Directors.

- A. The ASUW President is the chair of the Board of Directors, and the ASUW Vice President is the vice chair.
- B. By the end of the first regular meeting of Autumn Quarter, the Board of Directors shall elect a representative at-large member of the Board of Directors to serve as chair pro-tempore.

SECTION 3: Eligibility.

Rules of eligibility for candidacy for and service in positions on the Board of Directors shall be established by the Board of Directors in the ASUW Bylaws, but must be consistent with University rules. Any member of the Board of Directors, who, becomes ineligible for such office, automatically and immediately ceases to hold the office upon determination of ineligibility.

SECTION 4: Election of Directors.

- A. The ASUW President, ASUW Vice President, and Board of Directors representatives-at-large will be elected by the membership of the ASUW during the seventh week of Spring Quarter through the 118th ASUW Session. Starting in the 119th session which starts in June of 2019, the ASUW President, ASUW Vice President, and Board of Directors representatives-at-large will be elected by the membership of the ASUW during the fourth week of each Spring Quarter, and shall take office when the following ASUW session begins.
- B. Each Board of Directors representative-at-large must be elected to fill one of six positions provided in the ASUW Bylaws, and each candidate must declare which position is sought when filing for candidacy.
- C. Where this Constitution provides that a position on the Board of Directors is filled by another entity, a member is selected and serves subject to such eligibility standards and processes as the selecting entity provides.
- D. The Board of Directors may, in the ASUW Bylaws, provide for a process to nullify electoral contests that exhibit irregularity. The nullified election must be re-held within one month of the election being declared invalid.

SECTION 5: Hiring of Directors.

- A. The Finance and Budget Director, Communications Director, and Personnel Director are hired, appointed, and serve as provided by the ASUW Bylaws and personnel policies. The Board of Directors may fill such positions on an interim basis.
- B. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the ASUW Vice President or a representative-at-large Board of Directors position, the Board of Directors shall call for and consider applications, and shall hire and appoint to the position a student who is eligible for the position. Such appointment expires at the end of the ASUW session in which it is made.
- C. In the event of a simultaneous vacancy in the office of the ASUW President and the office of the ASUW Vice President, the Board of Directors may fill the vacancy in the office of the ASUW President using clause B of this Section, or may hold a special election to fill one or both offices.

SECTION 6: Recall and Submission of Directors.

- A. A special elections to recall the ASUW President, the ASUW Vice President, or a representative at-large member of the Board of Directors must be ordered if one of the following occurs:
 - 1. A petition for recall is submitted and duly certified as containing the signatures and permanent student file numbers of at least five percent of the ASUW membership.
 - 2. The Student Senate, by the concurrence of three-quarters of their present and voting membership, orders a special election for recall.
 - 3. The Board of Directors, by the concurrence of two-thirds of their voting membership, orders a special election for recall. The Board of Directors has the additional power to take other appropriate action, including, but not limited to, freezing pay, reprimanding, or censuring the Board of Directors member.
- B. When ordered pursuant to this Section, it is the duty of the Board of Directors to schedule, hold, and ensure completion of a special election for recall within thirty calendar days. No issue other than the question of recall may be presented to voters at the election, but if special elections for recall have been ordered for multiple members of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may elect to hold a single election with

a question of recall for each member.

- C. If recall of a Board of Directors member is approved by a majority of those voting on the question, the Board of Directors is immediately recalled and dismissed. The vacancy created must be filled as otherwise provided in this Constitution; provided, that the recalled Board of Directors member is ineligible for voting membership on the Board of Directors until the end of an ASUW session has intervened.

SECTION 7: Functions and Powers of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors has general supervision and control over all ASUW activities, and has the power, either directly or through its appointed agents and agencies, to:

- A. Exercise the final legislative, executive, and judicial powers of the ASUW, subject to the exercise of such powers ultimately resident in the membership of the ASUW;
- B. Enact and amend the ASUW Bylaws and other rules necessary for the regulation of the affairs of the ASUW, and the Board of Directors, under this Constitution;
- C. Appoint and remove all salaried officers, employees, and agents of the ASUW;
- D. Approve all appointments made by the ASUW President;

- E. Approve the budget and expenditures of the ASUW, including final authority to budget, to disburse and withhold funds, or to authorize entry into contractual or financial relationships on behalf of the ASUW;
- F. Publish an annual ASUW Financial Statement;
- G. Delegate to committees or employees the power to act in specified areas without Board of Directors approval of those acts;
- H. Exercise final approval or disapproval of all legislative, executive, or judicial acts of committees or agents of the ASUW;
- I. Establish rules for the approval of student organizations by the ASUW, and grant approval according to such rules;
- J. Express the opinion and interests of members of the ASUW to the community at-large on issues affecting student life; and
- K. Exercise student leadership and representation in publications, athletics, student organizations, Union Building program and management, University Book Store management, student welfare, student housing, educational affairs, and other critical issues of student life.

SECTION 8: Meetings of the Board of Directors.

- A. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors must be held at least once each calendar month throughout the regular school year.
- B. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the ASUW President upon at least 24 hours notice to members of the Board of Directors and of the news media, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.
- C. Quorum consists of a majority of the voting membership of the Board of Directors. No member of the Board of Directors may vote by proxy.

SECTION 9: Budget Approval.

- A. The ASUW Finance and Budget Committee shall make its budget recommendations in the manner provided by the ASUW Bylaws.
- B. Before the end of each ASUW session, the Board of Directors must approve, with or without amendment, the budget recommendations of the Finance and Budget Committee for the budget of the following ASUW session.
- C. Before substantially amending or otherwise rejecting a budget recommendation of the Finance and Budget Committee, the Board of Directors must refer the recommendation back to the Finance and Budget Committee for reevaluation.
- D. The Board of Directors has the power and responsibility to determine the priorities upon which the Finance and Budget Committee makes its decisions.

ARTICLE XI: Committees of the ASUW

SECTION 1: Generally.

The committees established in this Article are the delineated committees of the ASUW. In addition, the Board of Directors may create such standing committees or task forces as it determines are necessary.

SECTION 2: Judicial Committee.

A. Membership.

1. The voting membership of the Judicial Committee consists of the following seven student members, each with one vote:
 - a. One student from the Board of Directors, who shall serve as chair;
 - b. Four students at-large selected for two year terms, staggered so that no more than two full-term appointments are made each ASUW session.
 - c. The ASUW President, or proxy.
 - d. One representative selected by the Student Senate.
2. The non-voting membership of the Judicial Committee consists of the following two members:
 - a. A liaison from Student Legal Services.
 - b. A representative selected by the Student Activities Office.

B. Functions.

1. Definitions.
 - a. A recommendation is a decision made by the Judicial Committee that suggests a particular course of action to the Board of Directors.
 - b. A judgment is a decision made by the Judicial Committee that mandates a particular course of action to the Board of Directors.
2. Recommendations are used to advise the Board of Directors after:
 - a. Reviewing proposed revisions of this Constitution or the ASUW Bylaws.
 - b. Reviewing proposed creation or revision of the bylaws of ASUW agencies, commissions, or committees; and
 - c. Interpreting this Constitution or any governing bylaws.
3. Judgments are used to:
 - a. Determine if actions or decisions of the Board of Directors are in violation of this Constitution or the ASUW Bylaws;
 - b. Determine if actions or decisions of ASUW agencies, commissions, or committees are in violation of

this Constitution or any governing bylaws; and

- c. Determine whether ASUW candidates have violated election policies and regulations, and levy fines as provided in the ASUW Bylaws.

4. In addition, the Judicial Committee has the power and responsibility to:

- a. Determine the classification of all ballot measures, and review ballot titles and recommend changes if necessary;
- b. Determine standards for the form of petitions and referenda;
- c. Ensure the compliance of all involved parties and individuals with election policies and regulations; and
- d. Verify that all actions and decisions of the ASUW comply with Washington State law, the Articles of Incorporation, this Constitution, and the ASUW Bylaws.

C. Procedures.

1. Recommendation Procedures.

- a. The Board of Directors may refer any legislation to the Judicial Committee for recommendation when the legislation involves interpretation of this Constitution or the ASUW Bylaws.
- b. The Board of Directors will refer any legislation to the Judicial Committee for recommendation when the legislation involves amending or replacing this Constitution or the ASUW Bylaws.
- c. Any student who is not a member of the Judicial Committee may submit legislation to the Judicial Committee for recommendation.

2. Judgment Procedures.

- a. The Board of Directors may refer any legislation to the Judicial Committee for judgment when the legislation involves interpretation of this Constitution or the ASUW Bylaws.
- b. Legislation approved by the Board of Directors or any ASUW entity or committee may be submitted to the Judicial Committee by any student who is not a member of the Judicial Committee to verify compliance with this Constitution and the ASUW Bylaws.

D. Limitations.

1. No member of the Judicial Committee may initiate or endorse any action requesting review by the Judicial Committee.
2. Any member of the Judicial Committee who intends to endorse or participate in any ASUW election campaigning must resign their position by the first day of Spring quarter. If the resignation does not take place, the Judicial Committee member will automatically forfeit their position on the committee. This provision does not apply to the representative- at-large Board of Directors member serving as chair or the ASUW President, but does apply to any proxies of the ASUW President. Members of the Judicial Committee to which this clause does not apply must be treated as though not a member of the Judicial Committee during the discussion and judgment of elections violations.
3. At-large members may not serve on any other ASUW committee during their continuance of office.
4. The Board of Directors may reject a judgment of the Judicial Committee by the concurrence of three-fourths of its voting membership.

SECTION 3: Elections Administration Committee.

A. Membership.

The Elections Administration Committee Chair and Vice-Chair are hired and appointed pursuant to the ASUW personnel policies. Volunteer members of the committee are appointed through the open selection process provided in the ASUW Bylaws.

B. Functions.

The Elections Administration Committee conducts elections as provided in the ASUW Bylaws and in the Committee's bylaws.

SECTION 4: Legislative Steering Committee.

A. Membership.

1. The voting membership of the Legislative Steering Committee consists of the following eleven student members, each with one vote:

- a. The ASUW President.
- b. The representative-at-large member of the Board of Directors most responsible for oversight of the Office of Government Relations, or its successor.
- c. Two representatives selected by the Joint Commissions Committee
- d. The Student Senate representative to the Board of Directors.
- f. Two representatives selected by the Student Senate.
- g. Four students chosen through the open selection process.

2. The non-voting membership of the Legislative Steering Committee consists of the following members:

- a. The Assistant Director of the Office of Government Relations, or its successor, who shall act as chair.
- b. All employees of the Office of Government Relations, or its successor.
- c. A representative selected by GPSS.
- d. A representative selected by the Student Activities Office.

B. The Legislative Steering Committee has the power and responsibility to:

1. Annually write and propose the ASUW Legislative agenda, subject to passage by both the Student Senate and the Board of Directors;
2. Make recommendations to the Student Senate and the Board of Directors on current legislation affecting higher education;
3. Coordinate the lobbying efforts of the ASUW, subject to State, University, and ASUW policies;

4. Interact with state and national student organizations dealing with issues affecting higher education; and
5. Complete other projects assigned by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5: Finance and Budget Committee.

A. Membership.

1. The voting membership of the Finance and Budget Committee consists of the following nine members, each with one vote:
 - a. The ASUW Finance and Budget Director, who shall act as chair.
 - b. The ASUW President or proxy.
 - c. The Personnel Director.
 - d. Four students chosen through the open selection process provided in the ASUW Bylaws.
 - e. Two representatives selected by the Student Senate.
2. The non-voting membership of the Finance and Budget Committee consists of the following one member:
 - a. A representative selected by the Student Activities Office.

B. The Finance and Budget Committee has the power and responsibility to:

1. Prepare and submit to the Board of Directors an annual budget, including both expenses and revenue, for the activities of the ASUW;
2. Make decisions on all ASUW expenditures not provided for in the annual budget, subject to repeal, amendment, or delay by the Board of Directors;
3. Recommend admission fees to ASUW events;
4. Make recommendations on salaries, salary ranges, and contracts;
5. Provide for an annual audit of the accounts of the ASUW through the University; and
6. Prepare and submit a financial report to the Board of Directors each quarter.

C. All decisions of the Finance and Budget Committee are unofficial until six school days have passed and the Board of Directors has met at least once. The Finance and Budget Director, or designee, must report to the Board of Directors all business carried out by the Committee at each meeting of the Board of Directors that follows a meeting of the Committee.

SECTION 6: Personnel Committee.

A. Membership.

1. The voting membership of the Personnel Committee consists of the following nine or eleven members, each with one vote:
 - a. The ASUW Personnel Director, who shall act as chair.
 - b. The ASUW President, or proxy.

- c. The ASUW Finance and Budget Director.
 - d. One representative selected by the Student Senate.
 - e. One ASUW employee.
 - f. Five students chosen through the open selection process provided in the ASUW Bylaws.
 - g. During Spring Quarter only, two additional students chosen through the open selection process provided in the ASUW Bylaws.
- 2. A representative of the Student Activities Office shall be member without vote.
- B. The Personnel Committee has the power and responsibility to:
 - 1. Recommend salary guidelines to the Finance and Budget Committee for submission to the Board of Directors.
 - 2. Recommend ASUW personnel policies to the Board of Directors; and
 - 3. Serve as a grievance committee to the Board of Directors for all personnel grievances within the ASUW.

ARTICLE XIII: Legislative Powers

SECTION 1: Legislative Powers.

The legislative powers of the ASUW are vested in the Board of Directors, except those powers specifically delegated to the Student Senate, subject only to the right of the members of the ASUW to propose legislation not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, and to enact or reject the same.

SECTION 2: Initiative and Referendum.

A. Petition for Initiative.

The Board of Directors shall provide for an initiative vote whenever a petition for a legislative act is presented to it and duly certified by the Registrar to contain the signatures and permanent student file numbers of at least five percent of the current membership of the ASUW.

B. Referendum.

A legislative act may be referred to the membership of the ASUW as a referendum by the concurrence of two-thirds of the voting membership of the Board of Directors.

C. Initiative or Referendum Vote.

All initiatives and referendums must be submitted to the members of the ASUW at the next regular election, or at an earlier special election called by the Board of Directors. In no case may less than twenty school days elapse between the submission of any petition, initiative, or referendum and the election. The initiated or referred measure is adopted if a majority of those voting on the measure vote in favor of it, whereupon the measure becomes effective immediately.

D. Binding Until Repealed.

Any initiative or referendum, adopted by a majority of the members of the ASUW voting on the measure is binding upon the ASUW, its officers, and the Board of Directors until repealed. Such measures may be repealed or rescinded only by constitutional amendment or subsequent initiative or referendum.

ARTICLE XIV: Constitutional Amendment

SECTION 1: Proposal of Amendments.

- A. A proposed amendment to this Constitution must be placed on the ballot if adopted by two-thirds of the voting membership of the Board of Directors.
- B. A proposed amendment to this Constitution must be placed on the ballot upon receipt by the Board of Directors of a petition requesting such action, duly certified by the Registrar to contain the signatures and permanent student file numbers of at least five percent of the current membership of the ASUW.
 1. The ballot question must be placed on all petitions before signatures are gathered.
 2. The wording of all ballot questions must be referred to the Judicial Committee and approved by the Board of Directors before signatures are gathered.
- C. A proposed amendment to this Constitution must be placed on the ballot if ordered by the Student Senate with the concurrence of three-fourths of its present and voting membership, and such proposal must include the exact language of the constitutional amendment to be adopted, and the question to be placed on ballots.
 1. Before the Student Senate begins consideration of any constitutional amendment proposal, the sponsor must submit the language of such proposal to the Judicial Committee, who shall review the language and recommend to the Student Senate a revision or alteration of the proposal as deemed necessary by the Judicial Committee.
 2. The Board of Directors, by and with the consent of the Judicial Committee, may amend the question to be placed on ballots with the concurrence of two-thirds of its voting membership.
 3. The Board of Directors may, with the concurrence of three-fourths of its voting membership, refer the amendment proposal back to the Student Senate with recommendations for amendment. Such referral shall have the effect of terminating the Student Senate's order unless the order is once again passed by the Student Senate, with or without amendments. The Board of Directors may exercise this referral power twice for any single order, notwithstanding any amendments that may be made to the order in the process, but may not refer orders back to the Student Senate more than fourteen calendar days after passage, or re-passage, by the Student Senate.
 4. Except as explicitly provided in clause C of this Section, orders of the Student Senate proposing amendments execute automatically, and are not subject to approval, amendment, delay, or rejection by any other body.

SECTION 2: Adoption of Amendments.

Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be submitted to the members of the ASUW at the next regular election, or at an earlier special election called by the Board of Directors. In no case may less than twenty school days elapse between the proposal of such amendment and the election. The amendment is adopted if a majority of those voting on the amendment vote in favor of it, whereupon the amendment becomes effective immediately.