

College of the Canyons

Associated Student Government

Bylaws

ARTICLE I: Name and Colors

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Associated Student Government of the College of the Canyons, hereinafter called the Association.
- Section 2. The mascot of the Association shall be the "Cougar".
- Section 3. The official colors of the Association shall be navy blue, old gold, and white.

ARTICLE II: Membership

- Section 1. Active members shall be defined in accordance with the Association's Constitution as those students enrolled at College of the Canyons.
- Section 2. Any infraction of the Constitution, Bylaws, Association Code of Conduct, and/or Standing Rules of the Association may constitute grounds for membership refusal or termination of active membership benefits by the Student Senate, defined as an Executive and Activities Board, subject to judicial review.

ARTICLE III: Officers of Student Senate Meetings and Duties

- Section 1. One college year shall be interpreted as being from the first Monday following Commencement to the following academic year's Commencement Day. The Student Senate terms shall run accordingly.
- Section 2. Special Student Senate meetings may be called during the summer and winter intersession.

Clause A. The summer intersession shall be defined as the period between the end of the spring semester and the beginning of the fall semester. The winter intersession shall be defined as the period between the end of the fall semester and the beginning of the spring semester.

Clause B. Special meetings of the Student Senate shall be in accordance with Article II, Section X, Clause A, of the Association's Constitution.

Clause C. Any member of the association may submit an item for consideration to either the Senate or Activities Board, but all items must be approved by the respective chair.

Clause D. A chair may only reject an item if the item does not follow proper format, or does not have all necessary information.

Section 3. Each officer of the Association must be enrolled in at least five units of coursework and maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average throughout the officer's term. If an individual becomes an officer during the student's first term at College of the Canyons, the student must have achieved a minimum 2.0 grade point average at the most recent institution attended. Failure to comply with any of the above will result in removal from office.

Clause A. In the case of extenuating circumstances affecting the qualifications of a candidate for an Officer or Director position, the Senate shall make the final decision. Under no circumstances may an officer be enrolled in less than five units.

Clause B. If an ASG officer would also like to hold an ASG chartered club officer position, they must discuss it with their one-on-one ASG advisor. ASG chartered club officers may not hold the following ASG officer positions:

- 1) President
- 2) Student Trustee
- 3) Vice President of Inter Club Council

Section 4. In the event of a vacancy occurring in any Senate elected or appointed position, the seat shall be filled by appointment. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is needed to fill the vacant seat. If all of the Student Senate officers listed in Article II, Section I, of the Associations' Constitution, or the Student Trustee become vacant, the advisors shall be empowered to call a special election to fill all vacant offices.

Clause A. Should only one application be received to fill a vacant seat the appropriate board is authorized to interview and appoint the applicant. However, this may only be used when a single application has been filed with Campus Life and Student Engagement and no other have been received after two weeks of the first application filed.

Clause B. All positions, whether they are officers or directors, shall be deemed probationary for a period of four weeks. This probationary period shall commence when the appointed position officially begins, during the regular academic school year. Within this probationary period, all newly appointed Senate members must complete the following:

- 1) Attended scheduled and/or arranged mandatory orientation with ASG advisors
 - a) A member unable to attend mandatory orientation/training must provide sufficient reason. Failure to attend a mandatory orientation will reduce the ASG Service Award amount.
 - b) If members are appointed after the mandatory orientation/training have been conducted, it is their responsibility to schedule a training session with an ASG Advisor.
- 2) Submit office hours
 - a) All officers must fulfill a minimum of 16 office hours at the Canyon Country Campus per semester.
 - i. An officer finding difficulty in fulfilling this requirement must discuss an alternative with the supervising advisor.
- 3) Attended scheduled Senate meetings (if applicable) or if unable to attend, provide a proxy or sufficient reason.
- 4) Establish 1:1 advisor meeting times
- 5) Meet expectations by fulfilling job duties as outlined in the ASG Bylaws.

- a) After the probationary period is completed and if at that time an appointed member has failed to complete any of the above requirements, their appointment will be revoked upon a two-thirds vote of the Senate. A member will be unable to reapply for an officer or director position until the following academic year if the appointment has been revoked. For example, if a member is removed from office in September 2023, the member would not be able to reapply for an ASG position until applications open for the 2024-2025 year.

Section 7. The duties of the President shall be:

- Clause A. To serve as the chief executive officer, official representative and official spokesperson of the Association.
- Clause B. To make the agenda and minutes for the Senate meeting available as soon as possible with assistance from the Student Services Technician of Campus Life and Student Engagement Office in accordance with the Brown Act.
- Clause C. To be empowered to recognize a proxy, upon correspondence from any member, for the Senate meeting.
- Clause D. To appoint an Administrative Assistant(s) upon ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate, to supervise the nonvoting powers and activities so delegated.
- Clause E. To serve as a voting member of the Association's Finance Committee.
- Clause F. To co-coordinate with the Student Trustee a voter registration event at least once a year.
- Clause G. To appoint such ad hoc committees, boards, and commissions as may be necessary from time to time.
- Clause H. To recommend such measures as deemed necessary for the welfare of the Association.

- Clause I. Represent the Association in all judicial proceedings involving the Student Senate and to serve as the Association's parliamentarian as defined below:
- a) To review the approved Student Senate minutes weekly for the purpose of updating operating policies, code of conduct, standing rules, and/or bylaws of the Association.
 - b) Any approved Changes to operating policies, code of conduct, standing rules, and/or bylaws must be e-mailed to advisors within two weeks of the approved changes.
- Clause J. To serve on the President's Advisory Council, Budget, College Planning Team, and the Advocacy Team.
- Clause K. To be responsible for advocacy and legislative issues at various levels of government (federal and state). The President will attend meetings and conferences of statewide or national organizations which the Association is a member of. Furthermore, the President will co-coordinate with the Student Trustee and the Vice President of Advocacy surveys, lobbying days and all other legislative activities. Moreover, the President will work with the Student Trustee and the Vice President of Advocacy to put forth resolutions to the Association regarding legislation for approval.
- Clause L. The President is encouraged to serve on the Elections Committee. However, if the President intends to run for an elected office in the upcoming election, they should not serve on the Elections Committee. In such a case, the President is encouraged to appoint a designee, subject to ASG approval, to serve in their place.

Section 8. The duties of the Executive Vice-President shall be:

- Clause A. To serve as a voting member of the Senate.
- Clause B. To assume the duties of the President during the President's absence, if the office is vacated, or at the direction of the President.
- Clause C. To chair the Finance Committee and work with advisors to present operating budget for the next year, no later than the first Student Senate meeting in May of each year.
- Clause D. To chair and serve as a voting member of the Finance Committee.

- Clause E. To organize and maintain regular 1:1 meetings with committee chairs representing the various student representative roles within the Associate Student Government
- Clause F. To serve on the President's Advisory Council-Budget Committee & Academic Senate Committee.
- Clause G. The Executive Vice President shall serve as the primary liaison to the Canyon Country campus. Given their responsibility for the ASG Cherry Blossom Tree, located at the Canyon Country campus, the Executive Vice President shall act as the main point of contact for all ASG-related matters pertaining to that campus.
- Clause H. To appoint an Administrative Assistant(s), upon ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate, to supervise the nonvoting powers and activities so delegated.
- Clause I. To present needs for District Committee representatives and recruit members of the Association to represent students in the District Committees. The Executive Vice President will also be responsible for keeping members accountable in attending assigned committees and making reports on what was discussed in the committees.
- Clause J. To oversee the ASG grant process outlined in Section 10 of the finance Code.
- Clause K. The Executive Vice President shall be responsible for all internal affairs of the organization. This includes oversight of internal operations and member relations. The EVP shall also be required to organize and host at least one team-building event per semester to promote unity and collaboration among members. The EVP shall report regularly to the President & Advisors on all matters pertaining to internal affairs.
- Clause L. Responsible for overseeing all affairs related to the Cherry Blossom Tree as outlined in Article VII: ASG Cherry Blossom Tree
- Clause M. The Executive Vice President shall serve as the Co-Chair of the Affordable Student Housing Taskforce Committee. In the event the Executive Vice President is unable to fulfill this role, a member of the Senate shall be appointed to serve in their place, subject to two-thirds (2/3) majority approval vote by the Senate.
- Clause N. The Executive Vice President is encouraged to serve on the Elections Committee. However, if the Executive Vice President intends to run for an elected office in the upcoming election, they should not serve on the Elections Committee. In such a case, the Executive Vice President is encouraged to appoint a designee, subject to ASG approval, to serve in their place.

- Clause O. To ensure all officers and directors are assigned to two district committees and are expected to regularly attend the meetings of those committees. In the event an officer or director is unable to attend a committee meeting, they must notify the Executive Vice President in advance and, if appropriate, designate a proxy to attend on their behalf.
- Clause P. The Executive Vice President shall serve as an active member of three (3) district committees. The Executive Vice President is expected to attend all applicable committee meetings in person, unless virtual attendance is the only available option. In addition, the Executive Vice President shall serve as the first alternate for any officer or director unable to attend a required meeting, and must be prepared to represent the organization in their absence.

Section 9. The duties of the Vice President of Activities:

- Clause A. To serve as a voting member of the Senate.
- Clause B. To serve as the Chair of the Activities Board in a nonvoting capacity.
- Clause C. To attend all meetings of the Senate and Activities Board.
- Clause D. To serve as a voting member of the Association's Finance Committee.
- Clause E. To make the agenda and minutes available for the Activities Board as soon as possible with assistance from the Student Services Technician of the Campus Life and Student Engagement Office, in accordance with the Brown Act.
- Clause F. To spearhead the annual Multicultural Day by involving other departments, student groups, and ASG officers.
- Clause G. To report to the Senate on all actions taken by the Activities Board.
- Clause H. To report to the Activities Board on all actions taken by the Senate.
- Clause I. To coordinate and create a monthly activities schedule.
- Clause J. To ensure appropriate activities are held to promote cultural diversity, education enrichment, awareness of legislative issues, and social functions.
- Clause K. To appoint an Administrative Assistant upon ratification by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

- Clause L. To appoint members of the Activities Board on both Valencia Campus and Canyon Country Campus (up to 4 members per campus) upon ratification by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

Section 10. The duties of the Vice President of the Inter Club Council shall be:

- Clause A. To serve as a voting member of the Senate.
- Clause B. To serve as a voting member of the Association's Finance Committee.
- Clause C. To attend all meetings of the Activities Board as a nonvoting member.
- Clause D. To chair the Inter Club Council meetings as a nonvoting member.
- Clause E. To make the agenda and minutes available for the Inter Club Council as soon as possible with assistance from the Student Services Technician of the Campus Life and Student Engagement Office in accordance with the Brown Act.
- Clause F. To appoint a Director of Clubs and Organizations, upon ratification by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- Clause G. To assist the Office of Campus Life and Student Engagement Office with the chartering and re-chartering of the clubs on campus.
- Clause H. To serve as official representative of the clubs at all of the Association's meetings.
- Clause I. To work with the Campus Life and Student Engagement Office to send out monthly updates on club matters.
- Clause J. To check in with all clubs once per semester through meetings or by attending a club meeting.

Section 11. The duties of the Vice President of Equity shall be:

- Clause A. To serve as a voting member of the Senate
- Clause B. To serve as a voting member of the Association's Finance Committee.
- Clause C. Attend committees that have to do with equity, diversity and inclusion that their schedule allows.

- Clause D. Host a focus group at least once a semester to get student feedback on how we can improve equity and inclusion in the campus environment.
- Clause E. Represent students in the development of a vision and effective strategy that champions the importance and value of a diverse and inclusive campus environment.
- Clause F. Engage faculty, staff and students to build a welcoming and inclusive culture at COC.
- Clause G. Assess potential barriers and develop strategies focused on recruiting and retaining a diverse environment. The Vice President of Equity shall provide a report every semester addressing how the ASG may pursue diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives most efficiently.
- Clause H. Design at least two workshop initiatives a semester on topics such as cultural competency, gender differences, disability, sexual harassment, and other topics designed to increase awareness and support of equity and inclusion values, and maintaining compliance with applicable laws. These workshops are to be held in respect of, in collaboration with, and with great sensitivity to the cultural groups they wish to highlight.
- Clause I. To appoint the Director of Equity, upon ratification by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- Clause J. Works closely with the Vice President of Advocacy, Vice President of Activities and student alliances on equity-minded projects and events.
- Clause K. To contribute to the development and production of the ASG Podcast. Contributions may include, but are not limited to content creation, hosting, promotion, and coordination with guests or relevant departments. Successors shall be expected to continue the podcast's development and uphold its intended purpose, ensuring consistency and long-term impact in alignment with ASG's mission.

Section 13. The duties of the Vice President of Communications shall be:

- Clause A. To serve as a voting member of the Senate.
- Clause B. To serve as a voting member of the Association's Finance Committee.
- Clause C. To serve as a voting member of the Activities Board.
- Clause D. To serve as Editor in Chief of the Paw Print or any ASG publication.

- Clause E. To appoint members of the Publication Team and upon ratification by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- Clause F. To appoint members of the Social Media Team and upon ratification by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- Clause G. To be responsible for the promotion of activities held by the Association with assistance from appointed Social Media Team members.
- Clause H. To make and publish social media posts on ASG Social Media platforms for the purposes of publicizing events on and off campus that is to the benefit of the COC Community.
- Clause I. To serve as the alternate delegate to the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC), representing the organization in the absence of the primary delegate and fulfilling all associated responsibilities as required.

Section 14 The duties of the Student Trustee shall be:

- Clause A. To represent the college student body and the interests of the Association at all meetings of the Santa Clarita Community College Board of Trustees.
- Clause B. To provide essential updates on actions made by the Board of trustees to the Senate.
- Clause C. To serve as a voting member of the Senate.
- Clause D. To serve as a voting member of the Association's Finance Committee.
- Clause E. To maintain the qualifications established in the Santa Clarita Community College District Board Policy.
 - a) To maintain the qualifications applying to all other voting members of the Student Senate.
 - b) Have completed at least twenty (20) semester units at the College of the Canyons.
 - c) Must be a resident of the State of California.
- Clause F. To appoint an Administrative Assistant and upon ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.
- Clause G. To serve as student representative to the Academic Senate of the College and provide a report to the Senate following each Academic Senate meeting.

- Clause H. In the event of vacancy or inability of the Student Trustee to attend a Board of trustees meeting, the ASG President will act as a replacement. More details on fulfilling this job duty is outlined in Article III, Section 5.
- Clause I. To be responsible for advocacy and legislative issues at various levels of government (federal and state). The Student Trustee will attend meetings and conferences of statewide national organizations, which the Association is a member of. Furthermore, the Student Trustee will co-coordinate with the Association's President and Vice President of Advocacy surveys, lobbying days, and all other legislative activities. Moreover, the Student Trustee will work with the President and Vice President of Advocacy to put forth resolutions to the Association regarding legislation for approval.
- Clause J. To serve as the student representative on the College's Advocacy Team and the College Planning Team.
- Clause K. To co-coordinate with the President a voter registration event at least once per semester.
- Clause L. The Student Trustee is encouraged to serve on the Elections Committee. However, if the Student Trustee intends to run for an elected office in the upcoming election, they should not serve on the Elections Committee. In such a case, the Student Trustee is encouraged to appoint a designee, subject to ASG approval, to serve in their place.
- Clause M. To comply and complete any and all duties and regulations set forth by California State Law (Education Code Sections 72023.5) and District policy regarding the Student Trustee i.e.

"Santa Clarita Community College District Board Policy 2015. STUDENT MEMBER

Reference:

Education Code Section 72023.5

The Board shall include one non-voting student member. The term of office shall be one year commencing June 1.

The student member shall be a resident of California at the time of nomination, and during the term of service, and shall be enrolled in and maintain a minimum of five (5) semester units in the District at the time of nomination and throughout the term of service.

The student member must have completed at least 20 semester units within the District prior to taking office. The student Shall maintain a 2.00 cumulative GPA and 2.00 semester GPA. The student member shall be seated with the Board and shall be recognized as a full member of the Board at meetings. The student member is entitled to participate in discussion of issues and receive all materials presented to members of the Board (except for closed session). The student member shall be entitled to any mileage allowance necessary to attend board meetings to be same extent as publicly elected trustees.

On or before April 1st of each year, the Board shall consider whether to afford the student member any of the following privileges:

- The privilege to make and second motions except motions underling personnel and labor relations;
- The privilege to cast an advisory vote, although the vote shall not be included in determining the vote required to carry any measure before the Board
- The privilege to receive compensation for meeting attendance at a level set annually by the Board, along with mileage to events where the Student Trustee serves in the capacity of representative of the Board of Trustees to be reimbursed at the current rate paid to District employees. If the Student Trustee does not attend all regular meetings held by the Board in any month, s/he may receive an amount not greater than a pro rata share of the number of meetings actually attended based upon the maximum compensation.
- The receipt and amount of a book and materials stipend per AP 2015.2
- The ability to travel on district funds to events for Student Trustee.
- The Student Trustee will be encouraged to attend community events as a part of the District's representation of the College in the community."

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING BOARD POLICY #2015 STUDENT MEMBER

Reference:

Education Code Section 72023.5,

1. In accordance with the provisions and limitations of the Education Code, the Board of Trustees designates that the nonvoting student member of the Board of Trustees be elected by members of the Association of College of the Canyons to serve a term commencing June 1st of each year (Ed. Code §72023.5).
2. The remuneration for the Student Trustee shall be set annually along with mileage to Board related meetings; and mileage to events where the Student Trustee serves in the capacity of representative of the Board of Trustees to be reimbursed at the current rate paid to District employees. The compensation shall be reviewed annually on or before April 1st.
3. The Student Trustee shall receive a book and materials stipend, in an amount to be established annually by the Board of Trustees. With prior approval from the Chief Executive Officer of the District, or his/her designee, the stipend may be adjusted to reflect the actual cost of books and supplies. The stipend is to be used by the Student Trustee to acquire the textbooks and course materials required by his/her course of study at College of the Canyons, for each semester while s/he officially holds the office of Student Trustee. Verification of the Student Trustee's schedule and required books and supplies must be submitted to the Campus Life and Student Engagement no later than one week after the add deadline. Whenever possible the stipend will be expended in the College of the Canyons Bookstore.
4. Annually, the Board will consider the feasibility of establishing a fund for Student Trustee Travel. After agreement on a final plan, the Board may authorize a fund for Student Trustee travel to fully or partially fund agreed-upon conferences. To assist the Board in determining an amount to be set aside for Student Trustee travel:

- a) The Student Trustee, upon election, will prepare a travel plan of conferences s/he wishes to attend for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th). The Chief Executive Officer of the District will assist the Student Trustee in developing his/her travel plan by providing information regarding known scheduled conferences.
- b) The Student Trustee will indicate the degree to which the Association will provide funding for travel.
- c) The Board will consider the proposed plan and may recommend revisions to the proposed plan.
- d) The Board may also authorize the Student Trustee to represent the Board at meetings that are not funded by the District.

Section 15 The duties of the Vice President of Advocacy shall be:

- Clause A. To serve as a voting member of the Senate.
- Clause B. To serve as a voting member of the Association's Finance Committee.
- Clause C. To attend all Activities Board meetings in a nonvoting capacity or read the meeting minutes to be informed on all ASG activities.
- Clause D. To appoint an Administrative Assistant(s) and upon ratification by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate.
- Clause E. To attend any workshops or conferences hosted by professional organizations, such as SSCCC, that focus on professional development and that further COC's advocacy efforts at the state level.
- Clause F. To provide reports to the Senate to raise awareness on statewide level issues that may affect COC.
- Clause G. The designated officer shall be responsible for organizing a minimum of two advocacy events per semester, with efforts made to space events approximately every two or three months. At least one advocacy event each semester shall be held on each campus, ensuring equitable engagement and representation across all student populations.
- Clause H. The Vice President of Advocacy would serve as the delegate for the Student Senate for California Community Colleges if the Advocacy is responsible for finding an alternate delegate in the case of an absence.

- Clause I. To be responsible for advocacy and legislative issues at various levels of government (federal and state). The Vice President of Advocacy will attend meetings and conferences of statewide national organizations which the Association is a member of. Furthermore, the Vice President of Advocacy will co-coordinate with the President and Student Trustee surveys, lobbying days, and all other legislative activities. Moreover, the Vice President of Advocacy will work with the President and Student Trustee to put forth resolutions to the Association regarding legislation for approval.
- Clause J. To serve on the District's Advocacy Team
- Clause K. To attend all SSSCC Delegate Assemblies and conferences, whether held virtually or in person. If the delegate is unable to attend, they must promptly coordinate with the alternate delegate to ensure the organization is properly represented.
- Clause L. To proactively collaborate with other College of the Canyons departments to strengthen and amplify advocacy initiatives. This includes building partnerships, coordinating joint efforts and ensuring alignment with institutional goals to enhance the impact of student-led advocacy.

ARTICLE IV: Directors and Assistants of the Student Senate

Section 1. Qualifications

Directors and Assistants of the Student Senate must be enrolled in a minimum of 5 units and carry at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA. The GPA may be from high school or other colleges as long as the units represented are the applicant's most recent experience.

Section 2. Selection Procedure

Interested candidates for directors and assistants' positions shall submit an application through the Campus Life and Student Engagement Office. After eligibility is confirmed, ASG Advisors will assign the appropriate Senate member(s) to interview the eligible candidate. Recommendation for appointment will be made by the Senate officer subject to two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

Section 3. Probationary Period

All appointments, whether they are officers or directors, shall be deemed probationary for a period of four weeks. This probationary period shall commence when the appointed position officially begins, during the regular academic school year. At the end of the probationary period, the Senate officers may dismiss the individual for failure of job duties or responsibilities of their position. Approval will come with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

Section 4. The Director and Assistant positions and duties shall be:

Clause A. Administrative Assistants

- 1) An Administrative Assistant shall be appointed by any ASG Officer. The ASG Officer is the supervisor of the appointed assistant.
- 2) Administrative Assistants' duties shall be determined by the officer with whom they work with.
- 3) Administrative Assistants may propose projects to accomplish in the field of academic affairs, legislative affairs, shared governance, health issues, environmental affairs, cultural affairs, athletic affairs, and other areas of interest that would benefit COC students. These projects must be discussed fully with the supervising officer and an ASG advisor. Specific plans and strategies must be pre-approved prior to execution and implementation.

Clause B. Director of Clubs and Organizations

The Director of Clubs and Organizations shall be appointed by the Vice-President of the Inter Club Council and shall:

- 1) Serve as the alternate chair of the Inter Club Council
- 2) Assist in attending different club meetings
- 3) Attend ICC meetings, if schedule permits
- 4) Assists the Vice President of Inter Club Council.

Clause C. Publication Team

- 1) Members of the Publication Team shall be appointed by the Vice President of Communications.
- 2) The Vice President of Communications will appoint eligible candidates to one of the following positions as seen best fit:
 - a) Assistant Editor (maximum 1)
 - b) Staff Writer (maximum 3)
- 3) The Vice President of Communications and Publication Team will determine each semester which publication(s) to complete (e.g., The Paw Print and/or ASG Podcast)
- 4) Staff Writers must work alongside the Vice President of Communications and the Social Media Team to create needed materials to promote the Association's work (e.g., Social Media posts to promote The Paw Print and/or ASG Podcast).

- Clause D. Social Media Team
- 1) Members of the Social Media Team will be appointed by the Vice President of Communications.
 - 2) The Vice President of Communications will appoint eligible candidate to one of the following positions as seen best fit:
 - a) Social Media Editor (maximum 1)
 - b) Social Media Spotlight Manager (maximum 1)
- Clause E. Graphic Artist (maximum 1)
- 1) Graphic Artist will be appointed by the Vice President of Communications
 - a) Graphic Artist will be responsible for working closely with both Publication and Social Media teams to create needed materials to promote the Association's work.
 - b) Graphic Artist will make suggestions for social media posts.
- Clause F. Activities Board
- 1) Members of the Activities Board shall be appointed by the Vice President of Activities.
 - 2) The Activities Board will be comprised of up to 4 members for the Valencia Campus and 4 members for the Canyon country Campus.
 - a) Each Activities Board member is required to host two events per semester on their respective campuses.
 - b) Activities Board members are required to attend all Activities Board meetings.
 - c) After the completion of an event, the member hosting the event must submit an Event Evaluation Form.
- Clause G. Director of Equity
- 1) The Director of Equity shall be appointed by the Vice President of Equity with two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate and shall:
 - a) Work closely with the Vice President of Equity to design two workshop initiatives a semester on topics related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
 - b) Assist the Vice President of Equity through attending committee meetings and hosting focus groups.
 - c) Work closely with Activities Board members on Multicultural Day.

Section 5. Term of office is the day of appointment through Commencement Day.

Section 6. Replacement

Members holding appointive assistant or director position may be replaced at any time at the discretion of the supervising officer. Should any member believe that the appointment was revoked without good reason, the member may appeal to the Senate. A decision will be made with a two thirds (2/3) majority vote.

ARTICLE V: Advisors

Section 1. Advisors

Clause A. Director, Campus Life and Student Engagement

- 1) The Director of Campus Life and Student Engagement shall represent the President of College of the Canyons at Student Senate meetings and all subordinate organizations of the Student Senate, as well as the Association, as the lead advisor.

Clause B. Student Services Coordinator

- 1) Serves as co-advisors of the Activities Board.
- 2) The Inter Club Council will be advised by the Student Services Coordinator at the Valencia Campus.
- 3) Student Services Coordinators on each campus will discuss who the supervising advisor will be for each specific officer position every term.

Clause C. Proxy

- 1) In the event that any advisor is unable to attend meetings or conferences, the advisors will arrange for a proxy.

ARTICLE VI: Student Senate

Section 1. Powers

Clause A. The Student Senate shall have the power of fixing and collecting membership fees, paying debts, providing for general welfare of the Association and making laws, which are necessary and proper for the execution of the powers vested in the Association or in any of its departments or offices by the Constitution and the Bylaws of this Association.

Section 2. Impeachment

Clause A. Impeachment proceedings may be brought against any elected or appointed officer of this Association according to these terms:

- 1) Any officer who receives two formal strikes for failure to fulfill their duties or for conduct unbecoming of their position shall be subject to impeachment. Upon issuance of the second strike, the matter shall be brought before the Senate for review. Impeachment shall proceed if approved by a two-thirds ($2/3$) majority vote of the seated Senate members following due process and deliberation.
- 2) Violated the COC Student Code of Conduct
- 3) Committed a serious crime against the Association, such as theft, forgery, or misuse of the Association offices.

Section 3. Meetings

Clause A. Uniform calculation of quorum requirements will be as follows:
The President is counted as a voting member. The voting members are added together, and the result is multiplied by two-thirds ($2/3$). This answer is the number of persons required for a quorum. In the event that the number of persons is a fractional number, less than one-half ($1/2$) it will be rounded down to the new lower number. If it is one-half ($1/2$) or more, it will be rounded up to the next larger whole number.

- Clause B. An officer expecting to be absent from a Seante meeting may designate a proxy.
- Clause C. Only items appearing on the written agenda will be considered for action at Senate meetings.
- Clause D. Voting for both Senate and Activities Board
- 1) In the case of a tie vote, the motion is defeated.
 - 2) If a motion requires a majority vote, it must have more than half the votes cast to pass.
 - 3) If a motion requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote to pass, it must have two-thirds (2/3) of votes cast, ignoring abstentions. The calculation of votes required for two-thirds (2/3) passage shall be as follows:
 - a) Determine the number of votes cast.
 - b) Multiply by two-thirds (2/3).
 - c) The result, if not fractional, shall be the number required for passage
 - i. If result is fractional, less than one-half (1/2) it will be rounded down to next lowest whole number; if one-half (1/2) or more, it will be rounded to the next largest whole number.

ARTICLE VII: Cherry Blossom Tree

Section 1. Purpose

- Clause A. In alignment with the mission of The Associated Student Government to advocate for and uphold the rights, well-being, and voices of the student population, a cherry blossom tree has been planted as a living symbol of our commitment. This tree stands not only as a representation of growth, unity, and renewal but also as a lasting testament to our organization's dedication to fostering awareness, inclusion, and positive change within the academic community. It serves as a physical reminder of our purpose and our collective responsibility to support what is just and equitable for all students.

Section 2 Senate Induction Ceremony

- Clause A. At the commencement of each new Senate term, prior to or at the beginning of their service, an official induction ceremony shall be held at the Cherry Blossom Tree. During this ceremony, all newly elected Senate members shall take a formal oath of office, affirming their commitment to the mission, values, and responsibilities of Associated Student Government. As part of this ceremony, each member shall also present a list of individual and collective goals they air to accomplish during their term. These goals shall be documented and reviewed periodically by the organization’s designated advisors to ensure accountability, progress, and alignment with the overall purpose of the Senate.
- Clause B. The ceremony shall be attended by representatives from the Canyon Country team, Campus Life and Student Engagement, Facilities, and other associated departments and partners, reflecting a shared commitment to supporting student leadership and fostering a connected and engaged campus community.

Section 3 Ongoing Management

- Clause A. The Executive Vice President shall be responsible for overseeing all affairs related to the Cherry Blossom Tree. This includes organizing events that promote awareness and engagement, such as an annual Cherry Blossom Showing, and ensuring the tree remains a central symbol of the Associated Student Government’s mission and values.
- Clause B. The Executive Vice President shall serve as the primary liaison between the Associated Student Government and key campus partners- including the Canyon Country team, Facilities, Campus Life and Student Engagement, and other relevant departments-to coordinate maintenance, programming, and ceremonial use of the site.
- Clause C. The Executive Vice President shall uphold the long-term care and preservation of the tree, ensuring that future student leaders continue to honor and maintain this living symbol for generations to come.
- Clause D. The Executive Vice President may seek guidance or assistance from another ASG member to support the successful execution of this responsibility, provided that ultimate oversight and accountability remain with the Executive Vice President.

ARTICLE VIII: Elections

Section 1. Elections

- Clause A. All duly registered students of COC in good standing may exercise the right to vote.
- Clause B. A plurality of votes cast for a specific office shall be necessary to elect Student Senate officers.
- Clause C. Elections policies and guidelines will be posted every Spring semester through the Election Code.

ARTICLE IX: Standing Committees and Boards

Section 1. Meetings

- Clause A. All committees and boards shall meet regularly as scheduled..
- Clause B. A committee or board meeting may be called by the discretion of the chairperson or if directed to do so by a simple majority of the members of the committee or board.
- Clause C. Committees and boards may not meet on authorized college holidays for the purpose of official business except in case of undue hardship as certified by the Director of Campus Life and Student Engagement.
- Clause D. Any member of the Association may participate in any committee, but voting powers may be limited by the chair or by the Bylaws.

Section 2. Election Committee

- Clause A. The chairperson of Election Committee shall be appointed by the A.S.G. President.
- Clause B. Members of the committee shall be appointed by the chairperson from active members of the Association.
- Clause C. No candidates or their manager(s) may serve on the Election Committee.
- Clause D. The committee shall in accordance with the bylaws establish, conduct, and enforce all election procedures.
- Clause E. The committee shall make public the results of the election on the first college day following the close of balloting.
- Clause F. Whenever possible, the Election Committee shall revise and approve the Election Code before final Senate approval.

Section 3. Finance Committee

- Clause A. The chairperson of the Finance Committee shall be the Executive Vice President.
- Clause B. Voting members of the committee shall be: the A.S.G. President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Activities, Vice President of Advocacy, Vice President of Inter Club Council, Vice President of Communications, and Student Trustee, Vice President of Equity.
- Clause C. The committee shall propose the financial procedure, formulate the budget, recommend student support fee modifications, and assist the Executive Vice President of the Association.
- Clause D. Estimated yearly budget are to be turned in to the Executive Vice President by all officers of this Association and other persons so designated by the Executive Vice President.

- Clause E. An annual budget shall be drawn up each May for the following year to show estimated income and expenditures and, after approval by the Student Senate. The outgoing Senate must prepare a proposed budget for the following year. The incoming Senate (those elected at the end of the college year) will review and approve the proposed budget. Prior to the approval, the new Senate shall be authorized to spend up to 20% of the total proposed budget for necessary summer and fall activities.
- Clause F. All budgets must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority of all in office voting members of the Student Senate.
- Clause G. Financial appropriations outside the approved Association budget must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all in-office voting members of the Student Senate.
- Section 4. The ASG President may form and appoint other committees as needed from time to time.
- Section 5. Any Senate officer may form and appoint committees as needed.

ARTICLE X: Finances

Section 1. Financial Code

- Clause A. The Financial Code is the official guidelines for the A.S.G. Finances.

Section 2. Student Representation Fee

Clause A. Collection

- 1) The Student Representation Fee is collected by College of the Canyons at the time of registration and deposited in a separate fiduciary fund established per the California Community Budget and Accounting Manual. Student may opt to waive this fee. The Chief Fiscal Officer of College of the Canyons shall have custody of the money collected. The district may retain up to seven (7) percent of the fees collected for administering the fees. See Education Code Section 76060.5.

Clause B. Purpose

- 1) The Student Representation Fee shall be expended to provide for the support of governmental affairs representatives (A.S.G. Officers) who may be stating their positions and viewpoints before city, country, and district governments and before offices and agencies of the state and federal government and materials to help them do so See Education Code Section 76060.5.

Clause C. Representatives Responsibilities

- 1) In Coordination with the Director of Campus Life and Student Engagement, students using Representatives Fee will:
 - a) Make appointments to visit officials prior to going on a trip. Normally, the appointment will be confirmed in writing.
 - b) Submit a written report on the results of their meeting to the A.S.G. Advisor(s) within one (1) week after their return. An oral report may also be required if requested by the A.S.G. President.

Clause E. Accountability

- 1) Records of trips, visits, etc., by individuals using Student Rep. Fee monies will be kept by the ASG Advisor(s). These will include, at a minimum, letters to officials, expenditures of funds and a copy of the report on the results of the meetings/conferences. If a written report is not turned in one week after use of Student Representative Fee monies, the offender will be excluded from the next regularly scheduled conference (e.g. CCCSAA or SSSCC).

ARTICLE XI: Amendments or Revocation of Bylaws

Section 1. Bylaw amendments must go through a minimum of TWO readings with the Senate. Every effort should be made to present all Senate members with a copy of potential bylaw changes to be reviewed prior to the meeting wherein the bylaws may be changed.

Section 2. The most updated version of the Bylaws shall be submitted to the ASG Advisors.

ARTICLE XII: Parliamentary Authority

- Section 1. Parliamentary authority shall be in accord with the Association's Constitution, Article VII, Section 2. The latest issue of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised by General Henry M. Robert, shall be used for areas not covered by the ASG Bylaws or the ASG Constitution.

ARTICLE XIII: Recognition of Successful Terms of Office

- Section 1 Officers shall receive a service scholarship during the Fall and Spring semesters upon the satisfaction of at least 90% of defined criteria for a successful term of office. Officers will be reviewed by the ASG Advisors by the end of Week 5, Week 9, and Week 13 of the semester.

Officers will also be granted a parking permit valid for the Fall and Spring semesters. This parking permit can be revoked at any time for reasons such as, but not limited to, violation of the student code of conduct, not meeting Senate member expectations, misuse of the parking permit & receiving a strike.

- Clause A. The criteria for receipt of the scholarship are as follows:

- 1) Has not been Student Trustee during the term in question.
- 2) Has been elected/appointed into their position by the 7th week of each semester.
- 3) Has not missed more than 4 weekly office hours since the time of the last review.
- 4) Has satisfied all of their duties as outlined in the ASG Bylaws & Constitution.
- 1) Has been assigned to 2 district committees for the semester (Unless they are the Executive Vice President) and submitted reports for the district committees meetings attended thus far (pending committee meeting scheduling).
- 5) Has missed no more than 2 ASG Senate meetings and 1 ASG Activities Board meeting (if they have a seat). This criteria will be reviewed during Week 13 only.
- 6) Has completed a report that is on file with the advisors for every trip funded by the Student Representation Fee.
- 7) Has not received a strike during the time in which the scholarships will be sent out.

Clause B. The Student Trustee is not eligible to receive the ASG Service Award as they receive a monthly stipend through the Board of Trustees. However, the following measures will be taken to ensure accountability of carrying out a successful term. Failure to meet the following requirements will result in discussion to replace the Student Trustee position.

- 1) An agenda item will be added to the weekly Senate meeting the week after every Board of Trustees meeting. The student Trustee will report on important topics discussed during the Board of Trustees meeting, specifically topics that would affect the student experience at College of the Canyons.
- 2) Has not missed more than 4 weekly office hours since the time of the last review.
- 3) Has missed no more than 2 ASG Senate Meetings. This criteria will be reviewed at the end of Week 13 only.
- 4) Has satisfied all of their duties as outlined in the ASG Bylaws & Constitution.

Clause C. Directors will be reviewed by the supervising officer and an advisor by the end of Week 5, Week 9, and Week 13. The criteria for receipt of the ASG Director Service Award are as follows:

- 1) Has been elected/appointed into their position by the 7th week of each semester.
- 2) Has satisfied all of their duties as outlined in the ASG Bylaws & Constitution.
- 3) Has not missed more than 2 weekly office hours since the time of the last review.

ARTICLE XIV: Strikes

Section 1. Purpose

Clause A. The ASG Strike System is to uphold accountability, professionalism, and integrity within the Associated Student Government. This system ensures that all members are consistently meeting their responsibilities, fulfilling their duties, and maintaining active participation in ASG activities. By establishing clear expectations and consequences, the strike system promotes a culture of responsibility and transparency, helping to preserve the effectiveness and credibility of the organization in serving the student body.

Section 2. Strikes

Clause A. In the event that a potential violation has been reported, the President, Executive Vice President, and ASG Advisors shall convene to review the case and determine whether it constitutes a violation under **Article XIV-Strikes, Section 2**. The findings, along with all relevant information shall be presented to the Senate for further review and action via an agenda item. If the alleged violator is the President or the Executive Vice President, the individual in question shall be excluded from the review meeting. In cases where both the President and Executive Vice President are subjects of the case, the ASG Advisors shall conduct the review independently.

Clause B. A formal strike shall be issued to any ASG member who violates any of the provisions listed below. Strikes may also be issued for violations of the ASG Code of Conduct and ASG Constitution, including any future amendments to those governing documents.

If a violation occurs that is not explicitly listed in this section or in the governing documents, it shall be brought before the Senate as an agenda item. The Senate shall review the case and determine whether a formal strike shall be issued. A two-thirds (2\3) majority vote of the Senate is required to approve the issuance of a strike in such cases.

Attendance Violations

- 1) Missing two (2) Senate meetings without providing proper notification to their advisor at least 24 hours in advance
- 2) Arriving late to two (2) Senate meetings (after 2:30 PM or the official start time, as determined by the Senate schedule).

Office Hour Noncompliance

- 1) Failing to complete at least 50% of required office hours within any four week interval, without submitting documentation to the ASG Advisor explaining the absence.

Professional Conduct Violations

- 1) Engaging in gossip, verbal attacks, or slander against another ASG member. Such behavior may also be grounds for impeachment.
- 2) Destruction or unauthorized misuse of ASG property.
- 3) Any form of discrimination or harassment based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, disability, political affiliation, or any other factor unrelated to ASG's legitimate interests.
- 4) Use of vulgar or profane language during ASG meetings, in the ASG office, or in any other campus setting while representing ASG.
- 5) Spreading misinformation, including speaking on matters without factual basis or claiming to represent the Senate unless the Senate has officially taken a position on the issue.
- 6) Distributing or expressing any written or verbal propaganda that engages in negative commentary about another ASG member.

Section 3. Disciplinary Actions

Clause A. Any ASG member who receives two (2) formal strikes during their term shall be subject to disciplinary action. Upon confirmation of the second strike, the case shall be presented to the Senate for review. The Senate, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, shall determine the appropriate sanction from the following options:

- 1) Suspension from ASG for the Upcoming Semester (Fall or Spring)
- 2) Suspension from ASG for One (1) to Three (3) Academic Years
- 3) Permanent Removal and Ineligibility to participate in ASG

The Senate's decision shall be based on the severity of the violations, the member's conduct history, and the potential impact of the integrity of the organization. The decision is final unless an appeals process is formally established.

- Clause B. Any individual who has previously been impeached and is permitted to return to the Associated Student Government shall be held to heightened standards of conduct and accountability. Upon return:
- 1) The individual shall be subject to increased expectations as outlined by the ASG Advisors and Executive Board.
 - 2) The individual shall only be allowed one (1) formal strike. Upon receiving a single strike, they shall be immediately removed from ASG without the need for a second strike
 - 3) Any subsequent violations may result in an extended suspension from ASG participation, up to permanent removal, subject to Senate approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
- Clause C. Any ASG member who receives one (1) formal strike during a given semester shall become ineligible to receive the ASG Service Award for that semester and shall forfeit any ASG-issued parking privileges for the remainder of the term. These consequences are intended to reinforce accountability and ensure that privileges and recognitions are reserved for members who consistently meet their responsibilities and uphold the standards of the organization

ARTICLE: XV: Authority

- Section 1. These bylaws are governing rules of the Association and subordinate to the A.S. Constitution. The ASG Bylaws is the parent document to all other ASG documents, including, but not limited to, the Election Code, The Inter Club Council Constitution, and the Finance Code.
- Clause A. In the case of a contradiction between the bylaws and any subordinate document, the letter of the bylaws will be followed. Appropriate changes in subordinate documents may be made by the appropriate committee, the ASG President, or a simple majority of the Senate.