

Constitution of the Associated Students of Saint Martin's University
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Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Associated Students of Saint Martin's University and shall also be known as ASSMU.

Article II. Powers

The powers of ASSMU shall be:

- (a) To aid, direct, manage, supervise, invoke policy, and coordinate student activities in conjunction with the Student Services Division.
- (b) To manage, supervise, and coordinate student appropriated funds.
- (c) To initiate and assist in the creation and maintenance of campus clubs.
- (d) To represent student interests in Saint Martin's University Community and improve the quality of campus life.

Article III. Membership

Section 3.01 All students of Saint Martin's University who have paid an activity fee shall be members of ASSMU and receive the privilege of freely joining clubs and/or other activities. Those qualified are full time undergraduate students with 12 credits or more. Only members of ASSMU shall be entitled to vote in elections or hold any ASSMU office.

Section 3.02 In accordance with its mission statement, ASSMU supports values that advocate open-mindedness, awareness, sensitivity, and respect for differences. The student government appreciates and promotes diversity as an essential foundation for a healthy learning community. The student government is committed to the creation of a tolerant learning and working environment free from discrimination, fear, hate, and exclusionary forms of conduct and harassment.

Section 3.03 ASSMU and its clubs shall not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, or mental, physical, or sensory disability when determining membership. Intolerable forms of discrimination will not be limited to these enumerated classifications.

Article IV. Offices

Section 4.01 The governing body of ASSMU shall be referred to as the Senate, which consists of two distinct branches: The Executive and Legislative. No member of the Senate shall serve concurrently in any other Senate office. No member of the Senate shall not hold a president and treasurer position (appointed or elected) in any ASSMU sponsored club concurrent with their Senate term of office; however, they are free, and encouraged, to participate as active members in such clubs.

Section 4.02 The offices of the Executive Branch of the Senate, also known as Executives; shall consist of a President, Vice President, Executive Treasurer and an Executive Secretary. The Vice President shall be the only member of the Executive Branch who votes. If a tie ensues the President shall act as the tie-breaker.

Section 4.03 The offices of the Legislative Branch of the Senate, also known as Senators, shall consist of a Senator of Athletics, Senator of Clubs, Senator of Cultural Diversity, Senator of Non-Traditional Students, a Senator of Commuter Students, Senator of International Students, Senator of Residence Students, Senator of Business, Senator of Arts & Humanities, Senator of Education, Senator of Engineering, and Senator of Pure Sciences. Each member of the Legislative Branch shall get one (1) vote on issues brought before the Senate; votes are to be based on information received through their constituents or as directed by ASSMU's governing documents.

Section 4.04 The Senate, with the exception of the Executive Secretary and Executive Treasurer, shall be elected by any member of ASSMU at the annual spring election in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws (Article VII) and the Elections Code. The Executive Secretary is appointed by a majority vote of the incoming Senate. The Senate shall assume office no later than two weeks prior to the end of the spring semester following their election and shall serve for a term of one (1) academic school year or until their successors are qualified and duly elected.

- (a) A vacancy occurring in any Senate position between elections shall be filled in the manner prescribed in the Bylaws (Article III).

Section 4.05 A quorum of any ASSMU meeting consists of no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Senate's voting membership.

Section 4.06 The voting membership of the Senate shall be as follows:

- (a) Vice President
- (b) 12 ASSMU Senators (Constitution 4.03)

Section 4.07 After the general election of the new Senate, the outgoing senate shall serve in an advisory capacity until the end of their term of office.

Article V. Referendum and Initiative

Section 5.01 Members of ASSMU shall have the right of optional Memorandum and Initiative.

Section 5.02 A memorandum shall be defined as a record, in the form of a brief written note or outline, of a particular legal transaction or document for the purpose of aiding the parties in remembering particular points or for future reference. This proposal requires a majority vote by the Senate to pass. If the proposal passes the Senate, the memorandum will be voted on by ASSMU no later than two weeks after the memorandum has been passed by the Senate. The Elections Committee will present the results of the vote to the Senate within one (1) week of the popular vote. If the memorandum does not pass the Senate or ASSMU, it is considered dead and must be resubmitted for further approval.

Section 5.03 An initiative shall be defined as a procedure enabling ASSMU, by petitioning, to propose a law and secure its submission to the Senate for approval. The measure requires a majority vote of the Senate to pass.

Article VI. Provisions for Removal from Office

Any Senate Member is subject to recall, disciplinary or automatic removal from office by members of ASSMU as outlined in the Bylaws (Article II and III).

Article VII. Amendments

Section 7.01 Amendments to this Constitution shall be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

Section 7.02 Proposed amendments may be submitted to the Senate by any member of ASSMU. Amendments must be submitted in written form and filed with the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall then provide a copy of all proposed amendments to the Senate within five (5) academic days of receipt of proposed amendments. Action must take place within one (1) week following the receipt of the proposed amendments from the Executive Secretary.