

Augsburg Student Body Constitution

Preamble: We, the members of the Augsburg Student Body (ASB), in order to further the educational goals and general welfare of the College Community, do hereby establish the Augsburg Student Body Constitution.

Purpose: To establish and provide guidelines for two student-elected organizations to represent the Day Student Body and Weekend College (WEC) Student Body. These organizations will support and advocate for student concerns, needs, and activities. They will serve as the primary student voice and liaison between students and the administration, faculty, and staff of Augsburg College.

ARTICLE I. THE AUGSBURG STUDENT BODY

Sec. 1 The ASB shall consist of all students who are registered and pay a Student Activity Fee at Augsburg College.

Sec. 2 The ASB shall be divided into Day students and WEC students.

Sec. 3 Day students and WEC students shall create representative bodies that shall be called Day College Student Government and WEC Student Government, respectively.

Sec. 4 The rights and responsibilities of members of the ASB shall be specified in the bylaws of their respective Student Government.

Sec. 5 All powers of the ASB herein specified shall be vested in their respective Student Government.

Sec. 6 In accordance with the policies of Augsburg College, discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, and age is not accepted or tolerated, as required by Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

ARTICLE II. STRUCTURE OF AUGSBURG STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

Sec. 1 The Day Student Government shall consist of Elected Members and an Executive Board and WEC Student Government shall consist of Elected Members and others as outlined in their bylaws.

Sec. 2 All voting members of each Student Government shall hereby be called the Student Senate.

Sec. 3 Each government shall have its own set of bylaws.

Cl. 1 The structure and procedure of the Day and WEC Student Governments shall be outlined in their respective bylaws.

Cl. 2 Day and WEC Student Governments shall have the power to amend their respective bylaws by a two-thirds majority vote of their Student Senate.

Sec. 4 The Day and WEC Student Governments shall hold a joint meeting biannually.

Sec. 5 The Day and WEC Student Body Presidents shall hold joint monthly meetings.

ARTICLE III. REGULATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE AUGSBURG COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

Sec. 1 All members of the Day and WEC Student Governments shall adhere to the Augsburg College Policy rules and regulations as stated in the Augsburg Student Guide.

Sec. 2 Each member shall be subject to the following regulations:

- Cl. 1 Maintain a cumulative GPA of a least 2.0 prior to and during the course of their term of office.
- Cl. 2 Meet the requirements of election eligibility in accordance with this Constitution and their respective government's bylaws.
- Cl. 3 Follow the policies of the Augsburg Student Body Constitution and the bylaws their respective Student Government.

Sec. 3 Any violation of the above regulations by any member shall result in immediate disciplinary action in accordance with Augsburg College Policy, the ASB Constitution, and the bylaws of their respective Student Government.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTION AND RECALL OF MEMBERS

Sec. 1 Election of members by the ASB shall be conducted as outlined in the bylaws of their respective Student Government.

Sec. 2 Any member of the Day and WEC Student Governments shall be removed by the following:

- Cl. 1 Day and WEC Students shall call for the impeachment of any member of their respective Student Government through a petition signed by of 10% of their constituent group.
- Cl. 2 The respective Student Senate shall conduct a vote in accordance with their Student Government bylaws.
- Cl. 3 Removal of any member shall require a two-thirds majority in their respective senate.

ARTICLE V. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 1 Day and WEC Student Government shall have the ability to recognize Student Organizations in accordance with their respective bylaws.

- Cl. 1 Student Organizations may only be recognized by one Student Government and may only obtain funding from that body in accordance with its bylaws and finance policy.

ARTICLE VI. ASB FINANCE POLICY

Sec. 1 All members of the ASB are subject to an activity fee determined each year by their respective Student Government.

Sec. 2 Day Student Government shall receive 15% of the total WEC Student Activity Fee.

Cl. 1 Day and WEC Student Senates are responsible for distributing and monitoring their respective Student Activity Fees.

Sec. 3 Each fiscal year 11% of the Student Activity Fee revenue shall be apportioned to the Echo account, but shall not drop below \$25,000 per year or exceed \$35,000 per year.

Cl. 1 No member of the Echo shall receive an annual salary greater than that of the highest paid Day or WEC Student Government Executive Board Member.

Cl. 2 The Echo shall have complete control of all revenue not allocated to them from the Student Activity Fee, but shall remain in accordance with Article VI, Sec. 3, Cl. 1.

Cl. 3 The Echo shall be required to submit a complete semi-annual budget to the Day and WEC Student Governments for informational purposes only.

Sec. 4 All funds utilized and distributed by the Day and WEC Student Governments shall be made available to the ASB bi-annually in accordance with their respective bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENT AND RATIFICATION OF THE ASB CONSTITUTION

Sec. 1 Proposed constitutional amendments shall be ratified by the following:

Cl. 1 Shall be approved by a two-thirds majority vote in each Student Senate.

Cl. 2 Be made public to the ASB for two calendar weeks.

Cl. 3 Be submitted after two weeks to each Student Senate for reconsideration.

Cl. 4 Be approved for a second time by a two-thirds majority vote in each Student Senate. Then the constitution/amendment(s) shall be placed on a ballot and voted on by the ASB in a special election conducted in accordance with the bylaws.

Cl. 5 Be voted on by the ASB in a special election conducted within one calendar month of the second approval by each Student Senate.

Cl. 6 Be approved by three-fourths of the students voting in the special election.

ARTICLE IX. AUTHORITY

Sec. 1 The ASB Constitution holds authority over the operating documents of all Student Organizations recognized by the Student Governments in addition to the bylaws and financial policies of the Day and WEC Student Governments.

Revised by *Mitchell, Bickel, E. Olsen, Huynh, and Kuhn, November 2, 2006.*

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