

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF LAKE TAHOE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PREAMBLE

We, the students of Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC), do hereby establish the Associated Students of LTCC (ASLTCC) as authorized in California Education Code 76060. The primary organizational structure of the ASLTCC is the Student Senate of LTCC (SSLTCC), which is governed by the Executive Council, this Constitution, and the Bylaws of the ASLTCC as a means to represent all the students of the college. Further the Student Senate of LTCC is recognized as the representative associated student organization by the Board of Trustees of LTCC.

Article I MISSION

It is the mission of the Student Senate of Lake Tahoe Community College to provide the students with a voice in the College's participatory governance process. It is further the mission of the SSLTCC to promote the intellectual, artistic, cultural, and social life of students, and to provide a mechanism for the appropriate allocation of Associated Student resources.

Article II BROWN ACT

The SSLTCC is a legislative body as defined by California Government Code §§ 54952.(a). Therefore, the SSLTCC abides by the open meeting practices outlined in the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code §§ 54950-54962). The SSLTCC gives all members of the organization and members of the public opportunities to participate in the open meeting practices of the SSLTCC.

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Section 1: Membership

Each student enrolled in credit courses at Lake Tahoe Community College shall be a member of the Associated Students of LTCC and shall have exclusive privilege to rights and powers outlined in this constitution.

Section 2: Components of the ASLTCC

The ASLTCC shall be represented by two primary organizational structures:

A: The Student Senate of LTCC (the SSLTCC) which is the primary governing and representative organization of the ASLTCC, consisting of a President, Vice President, Political Affairs Officer, Treasurer, Activities Officer, Public Relations Officer, Secretary, Student Trustee, and Parliamentarian, as well as nine Senators with voting privileges and a number of non-voting representatives not to exceed 10% of the student body.

B: The Executive Council which is the evaluatory council of the SSLTCC consisting of the SSLTCC President, Vice President, Political Affairs Officer, Treasurer, Activities Officer, Public Relations Officer, Secretary, Student Trustee, and Parliamentarian.

Section 3: Powers of the ASLTCC

A: The Associated Students of LTCC shall retain the “power of initiative.” If a verified petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the ASLTCC is presented to the Student Senate of LTCC, the Senate shall then vote on the proposed legislation within ten (10) school days after receipt of the petition. Should the SSLTCC decline to enact the proposed legislation, it shall be placed on the ballot of a special election called by the president within thirty (30) school days. If the measure receives a majority of the ballots cast, the proposed legislation shall be enacted.

B: The Associated Students of LTCC shall retain the “power of referendum” on enacted legislation of the current quarter. If a verified petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the ASLTCC is presented to the Student Senate of LTCC, the Senate shall then call for a special election within thirty (30) school days. If the measure receives a majority of the ballots cast, the enacted legislation shall be repealed.

C: The Associated Students of LTCC shall retain the “power to recall” for any Executive Officer or Representative. If a verified petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the ASLTCC is presented to the Student Senate of LTCC, the Senate shall then call for a special election within thirty (30) school days. If the proposed recall receives a majority of the ballots cast, the officer or representative shall be recalled.

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Article IV PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

A: Meetings of the Student Senate shall use *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* as guidelines for operation in situations where procedure is not set out in the ASLTCC Constitution or Bylaws.

B: In the event of any procedure, section, article, policy, or amendment put forth that conflicts with student advocacy or the ability to get work done, the Student Senate may suspend such procedure, section, article, policy, or amendment by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of all current members of the Student Senate.

C: The Student Senate of LTCC shall review and, upon verification by legal counsel, shall immediately repeal any portion of ASLTCC governing documents that anyone finds to violate local, state, or federal law.

Article V AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Amendments to this Constitution

A: Proposed amendments to this Constitution, which is the primary governing document for the Associated Students of Lake Tahoe Community College, shall require a first and second reading and a subsequent two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the SSLTCC to be placed on any ballot.

B: Amendments to this Constitution shall require a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of the total votes cast by the student body in a duly authorized election and may be subject to the approval of the LTCC Board of Trustees.

Section 2: Amendments of the Bylaws

A: Any member of ASLTCC upon sponsorship by a Student Senate member may introduce amendments to the Bylaws by means of resolution. A resolution to amend the Bylaws shall be subject to a minimum of two (2) readings of the Student Senate.

B: A two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the Student Senate shall be required to amend the Bylaws. Amendments to the Bylaws that attain a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote shall become effective immediately unless otherwise noted in the resolution.