



Associated Students, Incorporated
By-laws Executive Summary
Substantive Changes

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On March 30, 2017, the ASI Rules and Policies Committee approved the following substantive amendments to the ASI By-laws as a recommendation to the ASI Senate. The ASI Senate approved the proposed substantive amendments on the By-laws on April 27, 2017. As stated in Article XXXVII, substantive amendments are required to undergo a student referendum. A two-thirds (2/3) favorable student vote of these amendments is required and the amendments will take effect upon final approval of the University President. Below is a summary of the following substantive changes:

Integration of a New ASI Committee

On January 21, 2017, the ASI Senate approved the creation of the Government Affairs Committee as a Senate standing committee. The Committee shall serve the governmental relation needs of ASI and coordinate educational efforts relating to research on legislation affecting the students, campus advocacy programs, representation of the student perspective at the local, state, and federal levels of government and formulation of recommendations on policy actions, in compliance with CSU regulations. Two new positions were added to ASI Student Government, the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs and the Assistant Secretary of Civic Engagement.

Inclusion of Standing Committee

The Audit Committee was originally created in February 2005 to comply with the Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004 (CA Senate Bill 1262) that required, among others, the creation of an audit committee. The Committee serves as a recommending body to the ASI Senate on the retention and termination of independent auditors, negotiation with and selection of independent auditor, and review and acceptance of audited financial reports.

Authority of ASI Councils

Sections regarding Senate vacancies in Article IX has been amended to reflect the council's authority to appoint a replacement. Article IX Section III has been revised to enable ASI Council's to make recommendations to the ASI Senate during an Inter-Council meeting. Article IX Section IV has been added to clarify ASI's relationship to council elections.

ASI and BSC Budgets

In Article XXIII Section II (a), the Personnel Review Committee has been amended to reflect that salary recommendations shall be integrated in the ASI and BSC budgets. In addition, amendments to Article XXIV Section V now require a two-thirds (2/3) of the **seated** Senate to approve of the BSC budget.

ASI Student Government Position Updates

ASI President

There are a number of amendments to ASI Student Government positions. The ASI President is recommended to delegate all representation of the Academic Senate to the Secretary of Education. The Senate also amended the Presidential Call for Reconsideration to be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the **seated** Senate in Article X Section I.

Other ASI Executive Student Leaders

The ASI Vice President is recommended to be a member of the proposed Governmental Affairs Committee seen in Article X Section II. The Senator Pro-Tempore is also recommended to be a member of the Governmental Affairs Committee. The ASI Attorney General is no longer a member of the ASI Lobby Corps and an amendment was added to include consultation with ASI Executive Director, University Advisor, and Legal Counsel. The ASI Treasurer position has been amended to add consultation with ASI Executive Director or designee and University Advisor.

ASI Cabinet

Amendments to the ASI Cabinet positions and duties are seen in Article XI and Article XII. An amendment was made to add the performance of the ASI Cabinet's duties is also subject to the California Corporation Code within Article XII Section III. The ASI Secretary of External Affairs position has been amended to include the Governmental Affairs Committee. Descriptions of the two new ASI positions, ASI Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs and Assistant Secretary of Civic Engagement, have been included in this section. The ASI Secretary of Internal Affairs' section has been revised to reflect a new name for the Council Chair's meeting as Inter-Council. The ASI Secretary of Education is proposed to be the sole student representative on the Academic Senate.

ASI Senate

The Senate's liaisons section in Article XIV Section III has been added to include duties to report to the Senate "on programs, feedback, and issues relating to their organization and share matters taken up by the Senate with their constituents". In addition, the designation of the representative on the ASI Senate is amended to be confirmed in writing by the organization and approved by the designated representative's supervisor, if applicable. Changes to Article XXXIV Section V were made to exclude Senators from being recalled.

Fiduciary Duties

Article XVII Section II (c) has been changed to clarify that excused absences at ASI meetings are determined by the Chair.

Student Leader Transition and Leadership Training

In the event of a vacancy in the ASI Vice President, it is recommended that a majority ratification of the **seated** Senate be required for the ASI President to fill that vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term of office as cited in Article XXX Section II. Amendments to Article XXXIII Section I reflect the updated scope and focus of the leadership training for ASI student leaders as seen below:

- ~~Budget~~ Mission, values, and strategic plan;
- ~~Goal setting~~ Organizational structure;

- ~~Outreach~~ Roles and duties;
- ~~Elections~~ Setting of goals;
- ~~Team building~~ Budget and financial matters; and
- ~~Project oversight and development~~ Orientation by legal counsel.

Amendments to ASI By-Laws

The timeline for notice to the student body of a referendum as well as distribution of substantive amendments to the ASI By-laws is recommended to be increased from fifteen (15) working days to 30 working days within Article XXIV Section IV and Article XXXVII Section II.

Prior to submission to the student body for a referendum, it is recommended that the ASI By-laws require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the **seated** Senate on any referendum measure in Article XXXIV Section IV. In Article XXXVII Section V, it is also recommended that a two-thirds (2/3) approval vote of the **seated** Senate be required for non-substantive changes to the ASI By-laws.

The Senate has taken action on a number of amendments to the ASI By-laws. The final amendments include the removal of sections in order to eliminate redundancy in current ASI policies not needed in our by-laws such as Article V Section III and Article XX Section II (e).

Please refer to the ASI website (asi.cpp.edu) as the official source for information on substantive amendments to the By-laws **including the approved document with track changes**. Feel free to contact the ASI Attorney General, Brandon Whalen, for any questions, comments, or feedback:

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