



37 are entitled to vote, to hold office in the GPSA, if qualifications for candidacy are met,  
38 and to exercise the various rights of membership.

39 Article 3 - Rights of Membership

40 All students who meet the above definition of membership shall be guaranteed the  
41 following rights which shall be further delineated within the Bylaws of each independent  
42 governing organization:

- 43 A. The right to petition ASASU to address issues of concern
- 44 B. The right to representation and advocacy
- 45 C. The right to active engagement
- 46 D. The right to open ASASU meetings, documents, and procedures

47 Title II  
48 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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50 Article 1 – Purpose of Undergraduate Student Government

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52 The Undergraduate Student Government (USG) of the Associated Students of Arizona  
53 State University Tempe Campus will provide advocacy, services and representation both  
54 for and on behalf of the undergraduate student body of Arizona State University Tempe  
55 Campus. USG shall advocate on behalf of its constituents to all entities pertinent to the  
56 undergraduate interest on Tempe Campus. USG shall provide services to its constituents  
57 to both enhance the undergraduate experience and provide adequate outreach to all  
58 members of the undergraduate community. USG shall provide a forum for the  
59 representation and discussion of all opinions and views held by the undergraduate student  
60 body.

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62 Article 2 – Executive Office

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64 The Executive Officers of the USG shall be defined as a President, Vice President of  
65 Services, and Vice President of Policy. The USG Executive Officers shall be supported  
66 by a Chief-of-Staff.

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68 Section 1. Office of the President

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70 The USG President shall be the voice for USG overseeing both the Vice  
71 Presidents of Services and Policy.

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73 Section 2. Office of the Vice President of Services

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75 The USG Vice President of Services shall oversee those USG operations  
76 pertaining to USG services and programs.

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78 Section 3. Office of the Vice President of Policy

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The USG Vice President of Policy shall oversee those USG offices that set policy for the university, students, and community.

Section 3. Chief-of-Staff

The USG Chief-of-Staff shall aid and support the USG Executives in their roles. A Chief-of-Staff shall be appointed only at the discretion of the President.

Section 4. Academic Standing

Executive Officers must be registered undergraduate students and be in good academic standing according to Arizona State University policy.

Section 5. Term of Office

The Executive Officers shall take office beginning at noon on the Monday following the May graduation ceremony and shall serve for one year.

Section 6. Recall of Officers

- A. Petition - A petition for recall of any Executive Officer shall require the signatures and student identification number of at least fifty percent (50%) of the total number of ballots cast for that office in the general election. The Registrar must certify the names, graduate status, and student identification numbers of these petitioners.
- B. Recall Elections – It shall be the duty of the Elections Department to hold a special election upon notice by the Assembly president that a certified petition for recall has been received.
- C. Recall – A recall election is valid only if the number of total votes cast in that election is equal to at least three quarters of the number of votes cast at the general election for the office in question. If the recall measure receives a majority vote, the Officer shall be officially recalled. The vacancy thus created shall be filled immediately as provided in Article 7 of this Title.
- D. Appointed Executive Officers – Petitioning shall occur in accordance with Section 6, Subsection A of this Article. Recall requires that at least three-fourths of the number of ballots cast for the President in the general election must be cast in the recall election. If the recall measure receives a majority vote, the Officer shall be officially recalled. The vacancy thus created shall be filled immediately as provided in Section 3 of this Article.

- 122 Section 1. Power and Duties
- 123 A. The Legislative and Fiscal power of the USG shall be vested in the Senate  
124 subject to a veto by the USG President, which may be overridden by a  
125 two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- 126 B. To conduct hearings for and approve the annual USG budget subject to the  
127 line item veto by the USG President, which may be overridden by a  
128 two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- 129 C. To adopt Bylaws for the USG and to make revisions to them.
- 130 D. To adopt Rules of the Senate and to make revisions to them.
- 131 E. To assume whatever additional responsibilities it deems necessary to fulfill  
132 its obligation to students.
- 133 Section 2. Membership
- 134 A. The voting membership of the Senate shall consist of a proportional  
135 number of Senators from each Degree-awarding College housed primarily  
136 at the Tempe Campus. Proportionality shall be established under  
137 Subsection B of this Section.
- 138 1. Senators shall be elected in a direct election, college wide, to be held  
139 no later than April 30, and serve a term of one year.
- 140 2. No Senator shall simultaneously hold an Executive Office.
- 141 3. A Senator may be removed from the Senate by a majority vote in a  
142 Recall Election of the College for which he/she holds office or by a  
143 three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Senate.
- 144 B. The number of Senators representing each College shall be no less than  
145 two but no more than four. The number of Senators representing each  
146 College shall equal:
- 147 1. One Senator; plus,
- 148 2. Additional Senators determined by the number of undergraduate  
149 students enrolled in that College, based upon the annual Arizona  
150 State University official census count of college enrollment.
- 151 a. 1 – 3,000 students: One Senator.
- 152 b. 3,001 – 6,000 students: Two Senators.

- 153 c. 6001 or more students: Three Senators.
- 154 C. College Councils may appoint Senators to its vacant Senate seats. If a  
155 College Council fails to fill a Senate vacancy within four weeks of the office  
156 being vacant, the President of the Senate may, by appointment, fill a vacancy  
157 with a student from the appropriate college of which the seat is vacant,  
158 subject to a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate members present and voting.
- 159 D. The non-voting members of the Senate shall consist of a representative from  
160 the University's Academic Senate to be selected by the Academic Senate in  
161 a manner of its choosing, the Association Coordinator, the USG President,  
162 the Senate Secretary, the Parliamentarian, a representative from GPSA, and a  
163 member from the Residence Hall Association (RHA) chosen by the Director  
164 of RHA and any other individual deemed appropriate.
- 165 Section 3. Meetings
- 166 A. The Senate shall convene at least twice per month during the academic  
167 year at a publicly announced time and place.
- 168 B. Special sessions may be called either by the President, President of the  
169 Senate or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- 170 Section 4. Presiding Officer
- 171 A. The President of the Senate shall be elected from the voting Senate  
172 membership at the first meeting of each Legislative Session that will be  
173 held immediately following the last session of the final Legislative  
174 Session. The preceding senate shall recommend a candidate for the Senate  
175 President at the final Legislative Session.
- 176 B. The Senate President shall serve as President for the current Legislative  
177 Session, subject to the following limitations:
- 178 1. The President of the Senate shall be a Senator who has served at least  
179 one full academic semester in office prior to the current Legislative  
180 Session, unless no Senator or only one Senator meets this  
181 requirement.
- 182 2. No Senator shall be elected President of the Senate without receiving  
183 a majority of votes from the Senators present and voting.
- 184 3. The President of the Senate may be removed by a 3/4 vote of the  
185 Senate in a manner determined by the Bylaws.

186 C. The President of the Senate shall preside over Senate meetings. The  
187 President of the Senate shall select a President Pro Tempore to preside in  
188 the absence of the President of the Senate.

189 D. Any vacancy in the Office of President of the Senate shall be filled  
190 according to Subsection A of this Section.

191 Section 5. Procedure

192 A. The Senate shall have the power to determine its rules and procedures, to  
193 establish committees and to discipline its members.

194 B. The President of the Senate will consult with the Parliamentarian as  
195 necessary and appropriate on parliamentary questions.

196 C. When Robert's Rules of Order and the Bylaws conflict, the Bylaws take  
197 precedence.

198 D. Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, will be the parliamentary resource of  
199 the Senate and its subsidiary bodies.

200 Section 6. Academic Standing

201 A. No undergraduate member of the USG shall serve as a Senator who is not  
202 registered for at least one (1) semester hours of academic credit at Arizona  
203 State University Tempe Campus in the current regular semester and who is  
204 not in academic good standing as defined by the University for that student's  
205 program of study.

206 Article 4 – College Council Enactment

207 Students in each college, school and degree-awarding program reserve the right to  
208 establish a college council to further the effectiveness of USG and to provide adequate  
209 representation on the College level.

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211 Article 5 – Initiatives and Referenda

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213 Section 1. Referenda

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215 The USG Senate may refer any proposal to an undergraduate vote. An  
216 affirmative majority of those voting is required for passage of a  
217 referendum.

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219 Section 2. Initiatives

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221 Any member of the USG may petition for an initiative to be placed before the  
222 undergraduate student body in either a special election or as part of the regular election  
223 cycle.

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- 225 A. Such a petition must be signed by no less than twenty-five percent (25%)  
226 of the total voter turn-out for the first election of the previous Spring  
227 Semester.  
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- 229 B. Such a petition shall be presented to the ASASU Elections Department for  
230 the purpose of placing the initiative before a student vote. The Elections  
231 Department must receive the petition in question no less than four (4)  
232 weeks in advance of a previously scheduled election or no less than four  
233 (4) weeks in advance of the end of a semester in which there is no  
234 regularly scheduled election. Such a petition may define whether the  
235 initiative shall be placed before the undergraduate student body during the  
236 Fall or Spring Semester, assuming above deadlines are met.  
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- 238 C. An affirmative majority of those voting is required for passage of a  
239 referendum.  
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#### 241 Article 6 – Collaboration, Checks and Balances

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243 Section 1. Veto Authority

- 244
- 245 A. The USG President shall have veto authority over all legislation of the  
246 undergraduate students government.  
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- 248 B. The USG Senate may override a veto of the USG President with a two-  
249 thirds (2/3) majority vote.  
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#### 251 Article 7 – Succession and Impeachment

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253 Section 1. Succession

- 254
- 255 A. Shall the USG President's office become vacant for any cause, the USG  
256 Vice President of Policy shall become the USG President. The new USG  
257 President shall appoint a USG Vice President of Policy to be confirmed by  
258 a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the USG Senate.  
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- 260 B. Shall a Vice President's office become vacant for any cause, the USG  
261 President shall appoint a new USG Vice President to be confirmed by a  
262 two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the USG Senate.  
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##### 264 Section 2. Impeachment

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266 The USG Senate shall retain the authority to impeach any elected or appointed official  
267 within the USG pending a Senate hearing.

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269 A. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the USG Senate shall be required to  
270 bring charges of impeachment against any USG officer.

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272 B. A three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the USG Senate shall be required to  
273 remove any USG Officer on grounds of impeachment.

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275 Article 8- Bylaws

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277 Section 1. Bylaws

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279 The USG Senate shall retain the authority to establish bylaws to further define the powers  
280 and scope of the USG, permitting that such bylaws do not contradict the statutes of this  
281 Constitution.

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283 TITLE III  
284 GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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286 Article 1 - Preamble

287 The Graduate and Professional Student Association is the graduate student government at  
288 Arizona State University. As the graduate student government it shall represent graduate  
289 and professional student interests for the public, the ABOR and the University  
290 Administration. The GPSA strives to provide programming, support, and advocacy for  
291 the graduate and professional community at Arizona State University.

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293 Article 2 - Executive Branch

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295 Section 1. Executive Committee of the GPSA

296 A. The Executive Officers of the GPSA shall be a President, Vice President  
297 of External Affairs, Vice President of Internal Affairs, and a Vice  
298 President of Professional Development. The Executive Officers shall  
299 exercise the executive functions of the GPSA. Duties of said Officers  
300 shall be set forth in this Constitution and in the Bylaws.

301 B. The President and Vice Presidents shall be elected by the general  
302 membership as defined in Title I, Article 2, Section 2.

303 C. The President of GPSA and the President of the Assembly shall not be of  
304 the same Graduate or Professional Program.

305 D. The members of the Executive Committee shall consist of the Executive  
306 Officers of the GPSA as voting members. Also, the Assembly President,  
307 Assembly President pro tempore and all hired directors serve as non-  
308 voting ex-officio members.

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310 Section 2. Term of Office

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312 The Executive Officers shall take office beginning at noon on the Monday following the  
313 May graduation ceremony and shall serve for one year.

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315 Section 3. Succession

316 A. In the event the President resigns or is removed from office the President  
317 shall be succeeded by the (1) Vice President of Internal Affairs, (2) the  
318 President of the Graduate Assembly, (3) the Vice President of External  
319 Affairs, and (4) the Vice President of Professional Development. An  
320 Officer may decline to assume the duties of the Presidency and continue in  
321 her/his elected position.

322 B. If the office of a Vice President becomes vacant, the GPSA President shall  
323 call for and consider applications, and must appoint to the office a member  
324 of the GPSA who is eligible for the position, the VP will assume office  
325 immediately upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of present and voting Assembly  
326 Members.

327 C. In the event all positions become vacant, the Assembly shall appoint interim  
328 officers until a special election can be held.

329 D. In the event that the Presidency is vacant because no Executive Officer is  
330 willing to succeed to the office, the Assembly shall appoint an interim  
331 President until a special election can be held.

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333 Section 4. Responsibilities of the Executive Branch

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335 The Executive Branch shall exercise all responsibilities of their office as laid out in this  
336 Constitution and all duties defined in the Bylaws, including but not limited to serving as  
337 the Graduate and Professional student voice, administering programs and informing the  
338 GPSA Assembly about all activities, disbursing funds of the GPSA according to  
339 applicable GPSA and University policies, and creating committees, in accordance with  
340 Assembly direction and consultation. The Executive Branch shall promote  
341 communication and collaboration between graduate and professional students on all  
342 Arizona State University campuses.

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344 Section 5. Scope and Purpose

345 The Assembly may enact Bylaws that establish and define the purpose, scope and powers  
346 of any Executive Office consistent with this Constitution.

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348 Section 6. Recall of Officers

349 A. Petition - A petition for recall of any Executive Officer shall require the  
350 signatures and student identification numbers of at least ten percent (10%)  
351 of the current membership of the GPSA. The Registrar must certify the

352 names, graduate status, and student identification numbers of these  
353 petitioners.

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355 B. Recall Elections – It shall be the duty of the Elections Department to hold  
356 a special election upon notice by the Assembly President that a certified  
357 petition for recall has been received.

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359 C. Recall – A recall election is valid only if the number of total votes cast in  
360 that election is equal to at least three-fourths (3/4) of the number of votes  
361 cast at the general election for the office in question. If the recall measure  
362 receives a majority vote, the Officer shall be officially recalled. The  
363 vacancy thus created shall be filled immediately as provided in Section 3  
364 of this Article.

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366 Section 7. Impeachment of Officers

367 The Impeachment and removal of an Executive Officer may be initiated by a written  
368 presentation of charges signed by 25% of all seated Assembly Members and approved by  
369 a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all seated Assembly Members.

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371 Article 3 - The Legislative Branch - The Assembly

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373 Section 1. Powers and Duties

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375 A. The legislative and fiscal power of the GPSA shall be vested in the  
376 Assembly subject to a veto by the GPSA President within seven (7) days,  
377 which may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of present and voting  
378 Assembly Members.

379 B. Additionally, the powers and duties of the Assembly include the authority:

380 1. To approve and revise the GPSA budget by majority vote of all seated  
381 Assembly Members subject to a line item veto by the GPSA President,  
382 which may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of present and  
383 voting Assembly Members.

384 2. To adopt and revise GPSA Bylaws and other Assembly Rules by a  
385 two-thirds (2/3) vote of present and voting Assembly Members.

386 3. To assume whatever additional responsibilities it deems necessary to  
387 fulfill its obligation to students under the Bylaws of the GPSA.

388 4. To provide a communication network between the students of each  
389 graduate and professional program, the Executive Officers, and the  
390 administration of the University.

391 5. To encourage participation and discussion by the students in the  
392 individual graduate and professional programs.

393 6. To undertake such business as it deems necessary to fulfill the  
394 purposes of the GPSA.

395 7. To review the actions of the Executive Committee.

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397 Section 2. Graduate Assembly Members

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399 A. The voting membership of the Assembly shall consist of a proportional  
400 number of Assembly Members from each discipline of graduate or  
401 professional program as further defined under the Bylaws of the GPSA.

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403 B. Assembly Members shall be elected by GPSA members in their respective  
404 programs and serve a term of one year. These elections shall meet the  
405 requirements as set forth in the GPSA Bylaws.

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407 C. No Assembly Member shall simultaneously hold an Executive Office.

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409 D. An Assembly Member may be removed from the Assembly by a majority  
410 vote of the students whom he or she represents or by a written presentation  
411 of charges signed by 25% of all seated Assembly Members and approved  
412 by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all seated Assembly Members.

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414 E. The non-voting members of the Assembly shall consist of a representative  
415 from: the Division of Graduate Studies, the Administrative Office in  
416 which ASASU is housed, the Academic Senate, and the Undergraduate  
417 Student Government.

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419 F. Former Executive Officers and committee chairs may be granted ex  
420 officio status in accordance with the Bylaws.

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422 G. If an Assembly seat is vacant after the annual elections, or becomes vacant  
423 during the legislative year, the Assembly President will publicly call for  
424 and accept nominations for a period no less than one calendar week. The  
425 Assembly Operations Committee will then review the applicants and  
426 present a nominee for each seat at the following Assembly meeting, who  
427 must then be confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of present and voting  
428 Assembly Members. Graduate programs with established governance  
429 structures may submit a nomination, however the Assembly Operations  
430 Committee is not bound to accept only such nominations.

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432 Section 3. Meetings

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434 A. The Assembly shall convene at least once per month during the academic  
435 year at a publicly announced time and place.

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437 B. Special sessions may be called by the GPSA President, Assembly President,  
438 or by two-thirds (2/3) vote of present and voting Assembly Members.

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Section 4. Presiding Officer

- A. The President of the Assembly shall be elected from the Assembly membership at the first meeting of each Legislative Session and serve as President for that Legislative Session, subject to the following limitations:
1. No Assembly Member shall be elected President of the Assembly without receiving a majority of votes from the Assembly Members present and voting.
  2. Only those who have been elected or appointed to serve as Assembly Members for the upcoming academic year may vote in this election. All Assembly Members who have served at least one full academic semester as an Assembly Member are eligible for election to Assembly President.
  3. In the event that no qualified Assembly Members are nominated or self-nominated for the position of Assembly President, Item 2 above shall be waived.
  4. The newly elected Assembly President will begin his or her term of office at noon on the Monday following the May graduation ceremony. The outgoing Assembly President shall continue to preside until this time.
  5. The impeachment and removal of the Assembly President from his or her office may be initiated by a written presentation of charges signed by 25% of all seated Assembly Members and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all seated Assembly Members.
- B. The President of the Assembly shall preside over Assembly meetings. The President of the Assembly shall select a President pro tempore to preside in the absence of the President of the Assembly.
- C. Any vacancy in the Office of President of the Assembly shall be filled according to Subsection A of this Section.

Section 5. Procedure

- A. For purposes of this Title, in vote outcomes described in terms of “present and voting” Assembly Members, absences and abstentions are not to be counted as voting Assembly Members in calculating majority. For vote outcomes described in terms of “seated” Assembly Members, all currently appointed and elected Assembly Members are used to calculate majority. The Bylaws may independently define calculation rules for votes therein.

- 482 B. The Assembly shall have the power to determine its rules and procedures,  
483 to establish committees and to discipline its members.
- 484 C. The President of the Assembly will consult with the Parliamentarian as  
485 necessary and appropriate on parliamentary questions.
- 486 D. When Robert's Rules of Order and the Bylaws conflict, the Bylaws take  
487 precedence.
- 488 E. Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, will be the parliamentary resource of  
489 the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies.  
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#### Article 4 - Amendments

492 Proposals to amend this Title shall originate by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of present and  
493 voting Assembly Members. The proposal shall be scheduled for a vote in the next  
494 general election or in a referenda vote of the GPSA membership. Detailed notice of the  
495 proposed amendment shall be made public during at least the week prior to the general  
496 election. If this proposal receives a majority of the votes cast by the GPSA members in  
497 this election, this Title shall be declared amended.  
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#### Article 5 - Bylaws

500 Bylaws shall be established to include the rules of the Assembly and the duties of the  
501 GPSA Executive Officers, Assembly Members, Boards, and Committees.  
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#### Article 6 - Academic Standing

504 Executive Officers or Assembly Members may serve only if registered for at least one (1)  
505 semester hour of graduate or professional academic credit at Arizona State University in  
506 the current regular semester and in academic good standing as defined by the University for  
507 that student's program of study.  
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### TITLE IV JUDICIARY

#### Article 1 – Supreme Court Judiciary Structure

##### Section 1. Judicial Powers

516 The judicial powers of the ASASU shall be vested in the Supreme Court and any lower  
517 courts established by the USG or GPSA.  
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##### Section 2. Jurisdiction

521 A. The Supreme Court and any lower courts shall have jurisdiction over all  
522 disputes arising under this Constitution or any Bylaws established pursuant  
523 to this Constitution. In addition, they shall have any other jurisdiction the  
524 USG Assembly or the GPSA Assembly may provide in their Bylaws.

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- B. The decision of the Supreme Court on any disputes arising under the ASASU Constitution shall be final, except in the case of impeachment of a Supreme Court Justice.
- C. The Supreme Court shall retain original jurisdiction over disputes arising between USG, GPSA, or any other organizations or departments created by ASASU.
- D. The Supreme Court shall retain all jurisdiction not delineated by the USG or the GPSA to any lower court and appellate jurisdiction over all disputes.

Section 3. Composition

- A. The Supreme Court shall consist of five Justices.
- B. Selection of Justices
  - 1. Following ASASU elections, the sitting President of USG shall nominate three Supreme Court Justices, and the sitting President of GPSA shall nominate two Supreme Court Justices. Application processing and deadlines shall be defined in each representative body's bylaws.
  - 2. USG nominations shall be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the sitting USG Senate and GPSA nominations shall be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the sitting GPSA Assembly. Confirmation shall occur no later than the final legislative sessions of USG and GPSA.
- C. Conference Committee shall appoint a Supreme Court Clerk to perform all administrative duties outlined in Article 2, Section 3 of this Title.
  - 1. Conference Committee will accept applications for the position of Supreme Court Clerk from the Arizona State University Tempe Campus student body.
  - 2. A final appointment will be made by a two-thirds vote of the Conference Committee and the Clerk shall begin serving his or her term at noon on the Monday following the May commencement ceremony and shall serve for one year.

Section 4. Term

The Justices' terms begin at noon on October 1 and shall continue until noon of the following October 1

Section 5. Impeachment

570 Any Supreme Court Justice may be impeached for malfeasance by a two-thirds vote of  
571 both the USG Senate and the GPSA Assembly.

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573 Section 6. Removal

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575 Following completion of impeachment procedures, any Supreme Court Justice may be  
576 removed by a three-fourths vote of both the USG Senate and GPSA Assembly.

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578 Section 7. Replacement

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580 In the event of a vacancy on the Supreme Court, a replacement shall be nominated by the  
581 President of the body that originally nominated the Justice for confirmation by the  
582 respective legislative body by two-thirds vote. Application processing and deadlines  
583 shall be defined in each representative body's bylaws.

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585 Section 8. Standing

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587 A case may be brought before the Supreme Court by any member of the USG or the GPSA.

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589 Section 9. Decisions

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591 Decisions and opinions shall be written, posted, and placed in a permanent file of the  
592 ASASU and remain publicly available for all ASASU students as administered by the  
593 Supreme Court Clerk.

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595 Section 10. Academic Standing

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597 Only ASASU members in good academic standing, as defined by the University, shall  
598 serve on the Supreme Court.

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600 Article 2 – Supreme Court Rules and Procedures

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602 Section 1. Judicial Code

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604 A. Upon appointment, the Supreme Court Justices shall adopt a Judicial Code  
605 to govern the internal rules and procedures of the judiciary. This Code  
606 shall be recorded and made publicly available by the Supreme Court Clerk.  
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608 B. Deadlines for court filing and public filing of court cases shall be  
609 established by the Judicial Code.  
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611 C. The Judicial Code shall be reviewed and approved by a majority vote of the  
612 Conference Committee no later than the third regular meeting of the Fall  
613 semester.

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615 Section 2. Quorum

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617 A. Quorum for the Supreme Court shall be defined as four sitting justices.  
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619 B. Quorum shall be required to hear cases and to issue decisions.  
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621 Section 3 . Duties of the Court Clerk  
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623 A. The Court Clerk shall organize and maintain court files for the courts.  
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625 B. The Court Clerk is also responsible for getting evidence and court papers to  
626 each member of the judiciary for each case brought before the courts as  
627 appropriate.  
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629 C. The Court Clerk shall make pleadings and court decisions publicly  
630 available.  
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632 D. The Court Clerk may be removed following the request of the Supreme  
633 Court, subject to the approval of the Conference Committee  
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635 TITLE V  
636 ELECTIONS  
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638 Article 1 – Elections Department Structure  
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640 The Elections Department shall exercise independent authority over ASASU elections,  
641 referenda, and initiatives.  
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- 643 A. Selection of Elections Director:  
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645 1. The Conference Committee shall administer the selection process  
646 for the Elections Director.  
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648 2. The nomination shall be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the  
649 Conference Committee. Upon confirmation, the individual shall  
650 assume the position of Elections Director.  
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652 B. Term of Elections Department:  
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654 1. The Elections Director shall be confirmed by the Conference  
655 Committee by November 1 and shall serve until the new Elections  
656 Director is confirmed by Conference Committee.  
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658 2. The Assistant Elections Director shall be confirmed by Conference  
659 Committee following his/her selection by the Elections Director.  
660 The Assistant Elections Director shall serve until the new Elections  
661 Director is confirmed by Conference Committee.



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C. Duties of the Elections Department:

1. The Elections Director shall have the authority to hire an Assistant Director or Directors, subject to confirmation by two-thirds of the Conference Committee.
2. The Elections Director shall interpret and enforce the election and petition provisions developed and codified by USG and GPSA in their organizational Bylaws and in Titles II and III of this Constitution.
3. The Elections Department shall evaluate the mechanisms by which students may vote annually, and shall investigate the efficacy and potential usefulness of new voting technologies.
4. The Elections Department shall advertise and promote the candidacy and election process.
5. The Elections Department shall have the sole authority to administer USG and GPSA elections and referenda.
6. The Elections Department shall be bound by the duties defined in this Constitution and by any policies or procedures adopted by Conference Committee pursuant to this Constitution.
7. Following the end of the election process, the Elections Director shall present an official report to the Conference Committee detailing the successes and failures of the Department, any issues that arose with the election, voting methods and any other issues the Elections Director deems pertinent.

D. Removal of Elections Director:

1. The Elections Director may be removed from the position for willful neglect of duty, gross incompetence, gross negligence or for any fraudulent actions.
2. Allegations against the Elections Director shall be filed with the Supreme Court.
3. In the event the Supreme Court finds sufficient cause exists, it may remove the Elections Director.
4. In the event the Elections Director resigns or is removed from office, the Assistant Elections Director will automatically advance

708 to the position of Elections Director and may then appoint a new  
709 Assistant Elections Director who shall be subject to confirmation  
710 by the Conference Committee.

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712 5. In the event both the Elections Director and Assistant Elections  
713 Director(s) resign or are removed from office, a new Elections Director  
714 shall be appointed by a two-thirds vote of the Conference Committee  
715 and shall serve for the remainder of the term.

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717 Article 2 – Election Procedures

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719 Section 1. Election Procedures; USG

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721 A. Elections shall be held in the Spring semester for all executive and  
722 legislative offices established under Title II of this Constitution.

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724 B. Elections shall be by secret ballot.

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726 C. The USG Senate may enact Bylaws further defining the election process and  
727 providing for violations and disputes.

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729 Section 2. Election Procedures; GPSA

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731 A. Elections shall be held in the Spring semester for all executive and  
732 legislative offices established under Title III of this Constitution.

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734 B. Elections shall be by secret ballot.

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736 C. The GPSA Assembly may enact Bylaws further defining the election  
737 process and providing for violations and disputes.

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740 Section 3. Procedures for Joint Referenda

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742 A. Referenda that affect the entire membership of ASASU must be passed by  
743 Conference Committee before being presented in exactly the same form to  
744 the legislative bodies of USG and GPSA. If either legislative body proposes  
745 changes to the referendum, the referendum must be returned to Conference  
746 Committee for revision before being re-submitted to each legislative body.  
747 The referendum must then be approved by two-thirds of each legislative  
748 body to appear on the ballot.

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750 B. Any referendum that fails to garner two-thirds support in the legislative  
751 bodies of both USG and GPSA shall not appear on the ballot.

754 GENERAL PROVISIONS

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756 Article 1 - Executive Coordination and Communication

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758 Section 1: The Leadership Council

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760 The Leadership Council shall promote communication and collaboration among the  
761 Executive Officers of ASASU and Administration of Arizona State University Tempe  
762 Campus.

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764 A. The ASASU shall maintain a Leadership Council on Arizona State University  
765 Tempe Campus. The Leadership Council will facilitate communication and  
766 support for the USG and the GPSA. The Leadership Council shall include  
767 executive officers of the USG and GPSA as stipulated in each respective  
768 body's Bylaws, as well as those ASU Administration and staff identified by  
769 both the Council and the Arizona State University Tempe Campus  
770 Administration.  
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772 B. The Leadership Council shall not be vested with any legislative or financial  
773 power or authority.  
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775 C. The Leadership Council shall have administrative oversight and provide  
776 direction for administrative support and policies for ASASU.  
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778 D. The Leadership Council shall meet once a month.  
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780 Article 2 – Legislative Coordination and Communication

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782 Section 1: Conference Committee

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784 The Conference Committee for the ASASU shall facilitate and negotiate collaborative  
785 legislation and policy for USG and GPSA

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787 A. Membership

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789 1. The Conference Committee shall consist of twelve members, six from  
790 the USG Senate and six from the GPSA Assembly appointed in  
791 accordance with the Bylaws of the respective legislative bodies.  
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793 2. The twelve members shall be appointed at the first legislative session of  
794 the academic year.  
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796 3. The Conference Committee shall be jointly chaired by the USG Senate  
797 President and the GPSA Assembly President.  
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799 B. Powers and Responsibilities

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1. The Conference Committee shall serve as a forum for communication between the legislative bodies of ASASU.
2. The Conference Committee shall identify and initiate joint legislation for the mutual benefit of the respective bodies.
3. The Conference Committee shall be responsible for the confirmation of the Elections Director and Assistant Elections Director of the ASASU
4. The Conference Committee shall generate a yearly letter of review of the Constitution of the ASASU, to be submitted to the respective legislative bodies.
5. The legislative bodies of USG and GPSA may refer legislation to the Conference Committee for reconciliation.

#### C. Meetings

1. The first meeting will take place prior to the second regular GPSA legislative sessions.
2. Quorum for Conference Committee will be two-thirds of the committee membership from both USG and GPSA.
3. Each branch will require a consistent delegation that will be responsible for regular attendance for any and all Conference Committee meetings.
4. Conference Committee meetings are open to any member of the ASASU.

#### Article 3—External Collaboration

In order to achieve greater coordination and collaboration with entities outside of the ASASU and Arizona State University Administration, the ASASU shall retain the right to enter into such agreements as it deems necessary to the fulfill its duties and responsibilities.

- A. Any standing agreements between the ASASU and entities outside of the Arizona State University Administration and Arizona State University Tempe Campus shall hereafter be referred to as “extra-campus agreements.”
- B. The executive members of USG and GPSA shall retain responsibility for the negotiation and establishment of all extra-campus agreements.

- 845 C. All extra-campus agreements pertaining to the ASASU as a whole will be  
846 subject to amendment and ratification by both the USG and GPSA  
847 legislative bodies.  
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849 1. The USG legislative body shall retain the exclusive right to amend and  
850 ratify all extra-campus agreements pertaining solely to the USG.  
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852 2. The GPSA legislative body shall retain the exclusive right to amend  
853 and ratify all extra-campus agreements pertaining solely to the GPSA.  
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855 3. Ratification shall require a simple majority within each respective  
856 legislative body.  
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858 4. Ratification of extra-campus agreements shall adhere to established  
859 veto and veto override procedures.  
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861 D. All extra-campus agreements shall include  
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863 1. Full identification of those parties.  
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865 2. A clearly established term of expiration.  
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867 3. A clear and exhaustive detailing of the terms  
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#### 869 Article 4—Joint Advocacy Committee 870

871 The Joint Advocacy Committee shall be created in order to achieve greater coordination  
872 and collaboration between the designated external affairs committees in the USG Senate  
873 and the GPSA Assembly.  
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#### 875 Section 1. Membership 876

- 877 A. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall consist of no more than 6 members;  
878 3 from USG and 3 from GPSA.  
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880 B. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall be jointly chaired by USG Vice  
881 President of Policy and the GPSA Vice President of External Affairs.  
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883 C. Membership shall be selected at the first meeting of the Legislative  
884 Session by the Senate President and the Assembly President. The selection  
885 of the Joint Advocacy Committee members shall be subject to the  
886 approval of the USG Senate and the GPSA Assembly.  
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888 D. The GPSA Assembly and the USG Senate shall be responsible for  
889 ensuring that their committee members attend all meetings of the Joint  
890 Advocacy Committee. If a committee member fails to attend meetings of

891 the Joint Advocacy Committee, it shall be the responsibility of the  
892 member's legislative body to replace the committee member.

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894 Section 2. Powers and Responsibilities

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896 A. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall research and present local, state and  
897 national legislation to the Assemblies.  
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899 B. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall draft and submit joint policy  
900 statements on local, state and national legislative issues for the  
901 consideration of the USG and the GPSA legislative bodies.  
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903 C. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall implement legislative, Arizona  
904 Board of Regents (ABOR), and Arizona Student's Association (ASA)  
905 policies that have been voted on affirmatively by the USG and the GPSA  
906 legislative bodies.  
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908 D. The Joint Advocacy Committee shall coordinate and support joint  
909 advocacy efforts for the USG and the GPSA legislative bodies at local,  
910 state, and national levels.

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912 Article 5 - Supremacy Clause

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914 This Constitution supersedes all other ASASU Constitutions, legislative and executive  
915 documents, including but not limited to Bylaws and College Council Constitutions.

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917 Article 6 – Amendment

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919 Section 1. Amendments to Titles II and III

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921 Proposals to amend Titles II and III of this Constitution shall be amended  
922 according to the procedures set forth in those Titles, respectively.

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924 Section 2. Amendments to Title I, IV, V, VI

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926 A. Proposals to amend Titles I, IV, V and VI of this Constitution shall be  
927 considered by the Conference Committee.  
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929 B. The proposal shall be sent to the respective legislative bodies for  
930 consideration.  
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932 C. To appear on the ballot, the proposed amendment shall have been approved by  
933 two-thirds of both the USG Senate and the GPSA Assembly.  
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935 D. The proposed amendment must be made public to the student body at least  
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- E. If the proposed amendment for Title I, IV, V, and VI receives a majority of the votes cast in the ASASU election, the appropriate Title(s) shall be declared amended.

Article 7– Enactment

Section 1. Effect of Enactment

This Constitution shall have full force and effect following passage by a majority vote of the ASASU Constitutional Convention, by a two-thirds vote of the USG and the GPSA legislative bodies, and by a majority of undergraduate and graduate students voting in a campus-wide election. This Constitution shall supersede and replace all previous ASASU Constitutions and Bylaws.

Section 2. Initial Elections

Notwithstanding Section 3 of this article, the Elections Department, established under the outgoing ASASU Constitution and Bylaws, shall conduct a campus-wide election for the Executive and Legislative offices established under this Constitution no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of the elections year following the enactment of this Constitution.

Section 3. Delayed Effective Date

This document will become effective upon ratification of fifty percent plus one of the USG, and fifty percent plus one of the GPSA, at noon on the Monday following May commencement.

Article 8—Administrative Agreement Clause

In signing this document the President of the Arizona State University recognizes the sovereignty of the ASASU as the representative body for all students at Arizona State University Tempe campus. The University President further recognizes this document as the supreme governing document thereof.