

**University of Arkansas  
Associated Students Supreme Constitution**

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**Article I – Two Student Bodies**

Section 1 – Definition of the Student Bodies

- A. The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville consists of two student bodies: the undergraduate student body, and the graduate-professional student body.
  - a. Undergraduate students are: Freshman; Sophomores; Juniors; Seniors; students who have previously received a baccalaureate degree and are enrolling in undergraduate coursework; and students with a baccalaureate degree enrolled in graduate coursework but not admitted into graduate degree programs.
  - b. Graduate-professional students are students who have earned a baccalaureate degree, and have been accepted for graduate-level study, and are enrolled in a master's degree program; students enrolled in a program leading to one of the named graduate certificates or degrees; students enrolled in doctoral programs in a research area; other doctoral students; and students enrolled in professional practice doctoral programs (e.g., JD, DNP).

Section 2 – Co-Equal Branches

- A. The Associated Students shall have two co-equal branches: one for undergraduate students, known as the “Associated Student Government,” or “ASG,” and one for graduate-professional students, known as the “Graduate-Professional Student Congress,” or “GPSC.”
- B. ASG and GPSC may both refer to “students” and “the student body” in action and legislation, with the understanding that each speaks and acts only on behalf of their own constituencies.

## **Article II – Associated Student Government (ASG)**

### **Section 1 – Composition and Powers of ASG**

- A. ASG shall be governed by the ASG Constitution.
- B. ASG has the authority to establish the structure, composition, formation, membership requirements, and all other aspects of design with regard to ASG.
- C. No action of the Executive Branch of ASG may directly impact the graduate-professional student body or GPSC without explicit exception provided for by the GPSC President.
- D. ASG legislation may not directly impact the graduate-professional student body or GPSC without explicit exception provided for by the GPSC.
- E. No action of the Judicial Branch of ASG may directly impact the graduate-professional student body or GPSC without explicit exception provided for by the GPSC.

### **Section 2 – ASG Operating Budget**

- A. The ASG budget shall be allocated, collected, accounted for, and expended in accordance with university policy and all applicable state and federal laws.
- B. ASG shall receive funding from the Programs Allocations Board (PAB), donations, the ASG endowment, and any department or campus body that wishes to contribute to ASG.
- C. The ASG budget shall be publicly posted on the ASG website, and shall include all revenue and expenses, updated monthly.

### **Section 3 – Registered Student Organizations**

- A. ASG may determine its own processes, procedures, and regulations for supporting and funding Registered Student Organizations.

## **Article III – Graduate-Professional Student Congress (GPSC)**

### **Section 1 – Composition and Powers of GPSC**

- A. GPSC shall be governed by the GPSC Constitution.
- B. GPSC has the authority to establish the structure, composition, formation, membership requirements, and all other aspects of design with regard to GPSC.
- C. No action of the Executive Branch of GPSC may directly impact the undergraduate student body or ASG without explicit exception provided for by the ASG President.
- D. GPSC legislation may not directly impact the undergraduate student body or ASG without explicit exception provided for by the ASG Senate.
- E. No GPSC judicial action may directly impact the undergraduate student body or ASG without explicit exception provided for by the ASG.

### **Section 2 – GPSC Operating Budget**

- A. The GPSC budget shall be allocated, collected, accounted for, and expended in accordance with university policy and all applicable state and federal laws.
- B. GPSC shall receive as funding all graduate-professional student activity fee moneys, and shall additionally receive funding from donations, the GPSC endowment, and any department or campus body that wishes to contribute to GPSC.
- C. The GPSC budget shall be publicly posted on the GPSC website, and shall include all revenue and expenses, updated monthly.

### **Section 3 – Registered Student Organizations**

- A. GPSC may determine its own processes, procedures, and regulations for supporting and funding Registered Student Organizations.

## **Article IV – Amendments**

### **Section 1 – Amendments**

- A. Amendments to the Supreme Constitution may be proposed by concurrent legislation passed with a two-thirds vote by the ASG Senate and a two-thirds vote of the GPSC or by a petition of ten percent of the undergraduate student body and ten percent of the graduate-professional student body.
- B. Amendments proposed must be approved by the undergraduate student body and the graduate-professional student body in a referendum by a 50% plus-one margin of those undergraduate students voting and by a 50% plus-one margin of those graduate-professional students voting, and signed by the Chancellor.
- C. The ASG President and the GPSC President are responsible for ensuring that all proposed amendments to the Supreme Constitution are posted prominently on the Associated Students webpage, the webpages of both the ASG and the GPSC, and on all social media accounts operated by the Associated Students two weeks before a referendum. Failure to follow this publicity requirement shall result in automatically rescheduling the referendum to a date that meets this requirement.

## **Article V – Supremacy**

### **Section 1 – Supremacy Clause**

- A. This Supreme Constitution shall be the supreme governing authority of ASG and GPSC, and is supreme in all respects to the ASG Constitution and the GPSC Constitution.

## **Article VI – Approval**

### **Section 1 – Ratification**

- A. Upon passage by separate two-thirds votes in both the ASG Senate and the GSC, and approval by a 50% plus-one margin of those students voting in the referendum to occur during the Fall Vacancy Election, the Associated Students Supreme Constitution shall be deemed ratified and enacted once signed by the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas.

### **Section 2 – Implementation**

- A. After ratification, the Associated Students Supreme Constitution shall go into effect Dead Day of the Spring 2018 semester: May 4, 2018.
- B. The ASG Senate must ratify a new ASG Constitution and amend the ASG Code by May 4, 2018 to remove all mention of graduate students, law students, and the GSC.
- C. The GPSC must ratify the GPSC Constitution by Spring Break 2018, to allow for GPSC elections to occur before May 4, 2018.

### **Section 3 – Desuetude Clause**

- A. Upon completion of the ratification process and the ratification of all documents listed in Section 2 of this article, Article VI shall be deemed obsolete, and removed from this document.

## **Amendments**