

DASB Constitution

De Anza Associated Student Body

PREAMBLE

“We, the Student Population of De Anza College, do hereby establish and adopt this Constitution in order to provide for both fair and equal representation of students at the College, District, State, and Federal levels; the availability and accessibility of all services and facilities to our student body populous in promotion of a total educational and recreational experience at De Anza College.”

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1: Name

The Student Government of De Anza College under the articles and Bylaws of this Constitution shall be known as the De Anza Associated Student Body, hereinafter referred to as DASB.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Access and Active Membership

Access and active membership in DASB shall, upon establishment of student status and payment of the student body association fee, be granted to all officially enrolled students of De Anza College, in accordance with this Constitution and the adopted Bylaws.

Active membership shall entitle the holder to all of the privileges of membership in DASB, including the right to vote, hold office in the association, and other powers and privileges as outlined in the Constitution, the adopted Bylaws or otherwise specified by the DASB Senate.

Section 2: Honorary Membership

Honorary membership in DASB shall, by unanimous ballot of the DASB Senate, be granted to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to this association, in accordance with the adopted Bylaws.

Honorary membership shall be for life and shall entitle the holder to all the privileges of membership in DASB excepting the right to vote or hold office in the association.

Section 3: Waived Fees

Student body association fees may be waived to certain individuals or groups upon action of the DASB Senate, in accordance with the adopted Bylaws.

Section 4: Cost of Membership

The cost of membership shall be established by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the DASB Senate after two (2) weeks of deliberation.

Section 5: Termination of Membership

Termination of the status of active membership in DASB, as provided elsewhere and herein, terminates by said members any implied or real claim to the assets, real or other property of DASB.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION

Section 1: Senate

The executive and legislative student organization of DASB shall be an assembly of De Anza College Students hereinafter referred to as the DASB Senate. This body shall consist of up to thirty (30) voting members with titles, functions and duties to be defined in the respective Bylaws.

Section 2: Judicial Board

The judicial student organization of DASB shall be an assembly of De Anza College Students hereinafter referred to as the DASB Judicial Board. This body shall consist of up to seven (7) active members with titles, functions and duties to be defined in the respective Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1: Senate Meetings

Meetings as are necessary to conduct the business of the students, shall be held at least twice per month, with at least one meeting with quorum, taking place during the day (before 4:30 pm) and at least one meeting, with quorum, taking place during the evening (after 4:30 pm). Additional meetings may be called by the DASB Senate with accordance with the respective Bylaws.

Section 2: Judicial Board Meetings

Meetings as are necessary to conduct the business of the students shall be held at least once per month. Additional meetings may be called by the DASB Judicial Board with accordance with the respective Bylaws.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a petition signed by one tenth (1/10) of the DASB general membership or by a referendum of the DASB Senate. The proposed amendment shall then be voted upon at a special election to be held within four (4) weeks of the receipt of the petition. The proposed amendment shall become law when approved by a two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

Section 1: Elections

DASB Elections as necessary or required shall be held by the DASB Judicial Board, at their expense, in accordance with the adopted Election Code.

Section 2: Membership Continuity

No less than three percent (3%) of the total DASB membership must cast votes in the selection of DASB Senate members.

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No less than fifteen (15) of the available DASB Senate positions must be filled for recognition as legitimate executive and legislative representative body.

The term limit of the DASB Senate member shall be three (3) terms. Holding office for a portion of the term period is considered as holding the office for one (1) term.

ARTICLE VII: BYLAWS

Section 1: Bylaws

DASB Bylaws, as necessary to fulfill the purpose of the Constitution and to effectively carry on the business of the students shall be adopted with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII: ENABLING CLAUSE

Section 1: Enabling Clause

This Constitution shall be enacted upon two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of votes cast in the general election. It shall supersede all previous Constitutions, Bylaws, and Codes, upon its enactment.

Adopted: 1968
Amended: 5/18/2010