

ASLCSC Constitution

Preamble

We the students of Lewis-Clark State College, in the belief that students have the right and duty to play a significant role in guiding their college, do hereby establish the ASLCSC Constitution to facilitate the following: the articulation of student opinions and interests both in governance of the college and to the community; the encouragement of the greatest level of cooperation and communication between students and their organizations; the assurance of full student access to quality education; the provision for programs and services to benefit students; and the encouragement of the highest level of excellence in education.

Article I

Name and Membership

Section I. Name

The name of the association under which this constitution is formed shall be the Associated Students of Lewis-Clark State College (ASLCSC).

Section II. Membership

Membership shall consist of all students who are enrolled for one (1) or more Lewis-Clark State College credits.

Section III. Declaration of Diversity

The ASLCSC shall not discriminate and shall strive to create a campus environment which understands, fosters, and embraces the expression of diversity among students, faculty, administration, and staff. Diversity encompasses differences in age, color, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, national origin, political interests, disability, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, or veteran status.

Article II

Officers and Qualifications

Section I. Officers

The officers of the ASLCSC shall be: President, Vice President, Senate Pro-Tempore, Media Senator, Committees Senator, Justice Senator, and four (4) other senators.

1. President

- a. Shall reside over meetings acting as the chairperson.
- b. Shall be the official spokesperson of the ASLCSC
- c. Shall attend all regular meetings of the Idaho State Board of Education.
- d. Shall call emergency meetings.
- e. Shall make budget recommendations.
- f. Faithfully adhere to the ASLCSC Constitution, Bylaws, Codes, and Policies and procedures of the ASLCSC
- g. For further duties and responsibilities, refer to the Bylaws.

2. Vice President
 - a. Assume the duties and responsibilities of the President in the event that they are absent
 - b. Maintain complete and accurate financial data for the ASLCSC and make that information available to the public
 - c. Oversee the ASLCSC budgetary process
 - d. Plan and implement a fundraiser and graduation banquet
 - e. Faithfully adhere to the ASLCSC Constitution, Bylaws, Codes, and Policies and procedures of the ASLCSC
 - f. For further duties and responsibilities refer to the bylaws
3. Senate Pro-Tempore
 - a. Fulfill the duties of the Vice-President as Acting Vice-President in the event of excused absence or impeachment
 - b. Review the conduct, attendance, and performance of all the ASLCSC Council Members as necessary or at least each semester
 - c. Serve as the Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee
 - d. For further duties and responsibilities, refer to the Bylaws
4. Media Senator
 - a. Coordinate all matters of media relations for the ASLCSC
 - b. Faithfully adhere to the ASLCSC Constitution, Bylaws, Codes, and Policies and Procedures of the ASLCSC
 - c. For further duties and responsibilities, refer to the Bylaws
5. Committees Senator
 - a. Oversee all committees and ensure committees adhere to all Codes and Policies and Procedures.
 - b. Interact with committees and committee chairpersons and help coordinate committee related activities.
 - c. Faithfully adhere to the ASLCSC Constitution, Bylaws, Codes, and Policies and procedures of the ASLCSC.
 - d. For further duties and responsibilities, refer to the Bylaws.
6. Justice Senator
 - a. Interpret the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, Codes, and Policies and Procedures.
 - b. Notify all individual and group defendants of any complaint filed against them within two (2) business days of the filed complaint. All accused shall have the right to know their accuser(s) and respond to the allegations.
 - c. Hold hearings with the parties conducting opening statements, direct examination, cross-examination, and closing arguments according to reasonable rules of evidence.
 - d. Rule on constitutionality of impeachment proceedings of the ASLCSC Senate.
 - e. Provide written majority and, when applicable, minority opinions on all case decisions within four (4) business days of a rendered decision. The decisions shall be made available to the public.
 - f. Title, number, and file all decisions in the annual ASLCSC Register according to the ASLCSC Constitutional, Bylaws, Codes, or Policy and Procedures issues raised.

- g. Present a proposed Election Code, which governs all conduct during ASLCSC elections, to the ASLCSC Senate for approval on or before the last ASLCSC Senate meeting in October.
- h. Coordinate and supervise all regular and special ASLCSC elections as determined by the Election Code.
- i. Faithfully adhere to the ASLCSC Constitution, Bylaws, Codes, and Policies and Procedures of the ASLCSC.
- j. For further duties and responsibilities, refer to the Bylaws.

7. Senator

- a. All other senators will be responsible for contacting Division Chairpersons to keep communication with Faculty.
- b. Impeach any member of the ASLCSC Student Government by a two-thirds (2/3) vote for a serious violation of the public trust.
- c. Act on behalf of the ASLCSC Student Body in considering, developing and enacting business.
- d. Approve by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote a proposed Election Code by the ASLCSC Judicial Senator to govern all conduct during ASLCSC elections before the end of Fall semester.
- e. Create and amend the ASLCSC Bylaws, Codes, and Policies and Procedures with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, subject to approval by the ASLCSC President.
- f. Faithfully adhere to the ASLCSC Constitution, Bylaws, Codes, and Policies and Procedures of the ASLCSC.
- g. For further duties and responsibilities, refer to the Bylaws.

8. Coeur d'Alene Representative

- a. Uphold the responsibilities of all other senators
- b. Represent the students of the Coeur d'Alene campus of LC State

Section II. Eligibility

All members of the ASLCSC Senate shall be in good standing with the college and maintain a collegiate cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale), one semester of which shall be from LCSC. ASLCSC Senators, shall throughout their term carry at least six (6) LCSC credits per semester.

Section III. Representative Body

The Representative Body shall consist of all officers as stated in Article II, Section 1, and will hereafter be referred to as the ASLCSC Council.

Article III

Duties and Powers of the Student Council Officers

Section I. Duties

All ASLCSC Council officers are expected to uphold the ASLCSC Constitution and Bylaws and attend all regular, special, and emergency meetings. All ASLCSC Council officers shall submit a letter of resignation before leaving office.

Section II. Rights and Privileges

1. Act on behalf of the ASLCSC Student Body in considering, developing, and enacting legislation.
2. Create and amend the ASLCSC Bylaws, Codes, and Policies and Procedures with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASLCSC Council, subject to approval of the ASLCSC President.
3. Faithfully adhere to the ASLCSC Constitution, Bylaws, Codes, and Policies and Procedures of the ASLCSC.

Section III. Term of Office

The term of office for all ASLCSC Council members shall be one (1) academic year and there shall be no limits to the number of terms an ASLCSC Council member may serve.

Article IV

ASLCSC Constitutional Amendment and Revision Procedure

Section I. Proposal and Ratification

Amendments to the ASLCSC Constitution shall be proposed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASLCSC voting council members or by a petition signed by one-quarter (1/4) of the eligible electorate.

Section II. Announcement of ASLCSC Constitutional Change

An announcement of the proposed provisions shall be published in the student newspaper three (3) weeks before the election to consider the amendment. Copies of the proposed changes shall also be made available in the office of the ASLCSC.

Section III. Election Process

Amendments and Revisions to the ASLCSC Constitution shall be placed on the ballot of a general or special election and shall be ratified by a majority of the votes cast in that election.

Article V

Recall, Initiative, and Referendum

Section I. Recall Process

All members of the eligible electorate shall enjoy the right to recall elected officials before their terms are over. The following procedures shall apply:

1. A recall election shall be initiated by a petition signed by ten (10) percent of the eligible electorate. Such elections shall be conducted by the ASLCSC Student Council and involve only those officials who are named in the petition.
2. An elected official shall be removed from office when two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the eligible electorate in the recall election are cast for the removal of the official.

Section II. Initiative and Referendum Process

All members of the eligible electorate shall enjoy the right to initiate and approve legislation. The following procedures shall apply:

1. Proposed legislation shall be placed on the ballot of a general or special election upon a petition signed by ten (10) percent of the eligible electorate or by a referendum signed by a majority of the ASLCSC Council members.
2. Proposed legislation shall be placed on the ballot of a general or special election upon a petition signed by ten (10) percent of the eligible electorate.
3. Proposed legislation by an initiative or referendum shall require a majority vote in a general election that shall be conducted by the ASLCSC Council members.

Article VI

Stipends

Section I. Eligibility

Members of the ASLCSC Council shall be eligible to receive payments contingent upon meeting all of the requirements of their position. The amount of compensation shall be specified in the ASLCSC Bylaws.

Section II. Qualifications

Eligible members shall receive payments based on their time in office. If eligible members resign or are removed from office they shall receive a prorated payment according to the time served. Members who replace resigned or removed members shall receive a pro-rated payment based on time they are in office.

Article VII

Ratification

This Constitution shall be proposed by a majority vote of the ASLCSC Senate on September 3, 2019 and ratified thereafter by a majority vote of the students voting in an election to be held on the 6th and 8th of April, 2020. The election shall be conducted by the current ASLCSC Chief Justice. If the ASLCSC Constitution is proposed and ratified, all provisions shall take effect Fall Semester of 2020. A copy of the ASLCSC Constitution shall be sent to the President of Lewis-Clark State College and the State Board of Education.