

Madera / Oakhurst Centers
Associated Student Government Constitution

Preamble

As the ASG of the Madera and Oakhurst Centers, we believe that it is our purpose to serve, inform, empower, and encourage the students of the Madera/Oakhurst Centers. We, as a student government, shall accomplish this by providing an opportunity for our peers to interact in extra-curricular activities that enhance the academic, social and cultural wellbeing; as well as providing the students with effective leadership. To this end, we endeavor to work with the students, faculty and administration of the Madera/Oakhurst Centers and their respective communities.

Article I. Name and Colors

Sections 1.01 The name of this organization shall be “The Associated Student Government of the Madera/Oakhurst Centers.”

Section 1.02 The colors of this organization shall be forest green (Oakhurst) and gold (Madera).

Article II. Membership

Section 2.01 Membership shall consist of all Current ASB card-holding students of the Madera/Oakhurst Centers.

Section 2.02 All student officers and senators shall possess a current Madera/Oakhurst Centers Associated Student Government Identification Card AND must be elected or appointed via the conditions of this constitution.

Article III. Officers and Terms

Section 3.01 The officers of this organization elected by the student body of the Madera/Oakhurst Centers shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Inter-Club Council Representative, and Special Activities Commissioner.

Clause 1 If needed the role of Special Activities Commissioner can be split into two positions to accommodate both campuses, thus becoming Special Activities Commissioner—Madera and Special Activities Commissioner—Oakhurst.

Sub-Clause 1 If divided into two officer positions both positions will be treated as equals under this constitution wherever the title of Special Activities Commissioner applies.

Section 3.02 The Officers of this organization that are appointed by the ASG Senate shall be as follows: Public Relations Director, Merit Commissioner, and Elections Commissioner.

Clause 1 Appointments made by the senate must be made with a quorum of simple majority of Senators in attendance.

Clause 2 In the event of a vacant spot of this cabinet of officers, appointments of this cabinet of officers can be done by a quorum vote of simple majority by the Executive Board (as defined in Article 3 Section 3.03).

Clause 3 These appointed officers are still considered part of the Student Senate.

Section 3.03 The Executive Board of this organization shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Inter-Club Council Representative and Special Activities Commissioner.

Clause 1 In the event of a vacant spot in an elected position, the President is granted the Executive right to appoint someone of his/her choosing to that Executive Board position.

Clause 2 All members of the Executive Board are expected to serve in their elected position for one full school year beginning the first day of the Fall semester and ending the last day of Summer semester.

Sub-Clause 1 The circumstances that could be a cause for an early release of service: Being removed for unsatisfactory performance by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board (not including the officer in question) AND a 5/6 vote of the Student Senate at the designated Student Senate meeting, grades that drop the student below the required 2.0 GPA in the semester(s) that he/she is serving, or if the student officer resigns from his/her position.

Sub-Section 1 In the event of a vote of removal all voting Executive Board members must be present at the Student Senate Meeting or the vote cannot be held.

Sub-Section 2 In the event of multiple votes of removal, each vote must be done individually.

Section 3.04 The student body of this organization consisting of Student Senators and 3 elected commissioners shall be called the Student Senate.

Clause 1 The Student Senate Shall be authorized to transact business.

Clause 2 Student Senate meetings shall be held during the general ASG meetings when addressed by the Executive Board Officer running the meeting.

Sub-Clause 1 The President, with approval of the Student Senate Advisor (appointed by the school district), may call special meetings.

Clause 3 Matters which the students of Madera/Oakhurst Centers believes necessary to bring before the Student Senate shall be presented at the regularly scheduled meetings.

Clause 4 Voting rights are restricted to the members of the Executive Board and Student Senate for all legislation brought before ASG.

Clause 5 The Student Senate Advisor shall be present at all Student Senate meetings and act in that capacity.

Sub-Clause 1 In the event that the Student Senate Advisor cannot be present the Student Senate can still carry forth with its scheduled meetings.

Clause 6 All members of the Student Senate are expected to serve in their elected position for one full school semester.

Sub-Clause 1 Summer (if utilized) shall be considered part of the spring semester.

Sub-Clause 2 The circumstances that could be a cause for an early release of service: Being removed for unsatisfactory performance by a 5/6 vote of the Executive Board AND a simple majority vote by the Student Senate (not to include the Senator or Appointed Officer in question), grades that drop the student below the required 2.0 GPA in the semester(s) that he/she is serving, or if the student senator resigns from his/her position.

Section 3.05 Inter-Club Council representatives and other members from student organizations outside of ASG rules and regulations:

Clause 1 Inter-Club Council Representatives may be members of the Executive Board or an Appointed Officer if approved by the ASG President or Student Senate.

Clause 2 Officers and Senators of any student organization other than ASG may not be members of the Executive Board or an Appointed Officer of ASG unless approved by the ASG President or Student Senate.

Sub-Clause 1 Officers and Senators of any student organization other than ASG may become a Senator for ASG if approved by the President.

Clause 3 Members of any student organization other than ASG may still run for an elected position during election, can be appointed by the Student Senate as an appointed officer, or can be appointed by the President if a vacancy needs to be filled in the Executive Board.

Clause 4 Officers/Senators/Members of other clubs that are senators or executive board officers of ASG shall not have voting rights during the general meeting in regards to any club that they are in outside of ASG.

Clause 5 Inter-Club Council Representatives will have a point in each meeting where his/her club can have itself heard by the Student Senate.

Clause 6 Any club without an Inter-Club Council Representative present at two consecutive general meetings will be subject to a warning from the ASG Executive Board. Absence of 3 consecutive meetings will result in the club being put on probation status (As defined by Article 5 Section 5.01 Clause 2 and subsequent sub-clauses/sub-sections)

Section 3.06 Pro Tempore Position

Clause 1 Pro Tempore positions will be given to all elected and appointed students immediately following elections.

Sub-Clause 1 Pro Tempore Positions will allow students to sit in on meetings respective to their positions.

Sub-Clause 2 Students in this capacity will not have voting privileges.

Sub-Section 1 In the event that the student is still holding office from a previous position, but is now pro tempore another (i.e. the current Secretary is also the President Pro Tempore); the student officer still retains his/her voting rights from that position until the end of his/her current term. The new voting rights will take effect at the beginning of the new positions term.

Clause 2 Pro Tempore position holding students will be formally inducted into their respective positions on the first day of the Fall semester.

Clause 3 Pro Tempore position holding students are expected to fulfill their positions duties and obligations in the same regard as if they were the current officer in that position.

Clause 4 (In regards to Executive Board Pro Tempore position holders) Students who hold officer and/or senator seats in another student organization, and are finishing their current term, can still hold a Pro Tempore position. These students must meet the regulations of their elected ASG position and not hold any other officer and/or senator positions in any student organization, other than the Associated Student Government, by the first day of the Fall Semester.

Article IV. Election Code

Section 4.01 Qualifications for Candidates

Clause 1 To be a candidate for any elected office, a student is required: to be a currently enrolled student at the Madera/Oakhurst Centers, must have had (and be able to prove) a 2.0 grade point average in the previous semester of school, to be available for Student Senate meetings and be familiar with and follow the constitution, bylaws and proper regulations of the Associated Student Government.

Section 4.02 Nominations for Elections Candidates

Clause 1 Nominations are to be held during the month of March and shall be open for fifteen (15) school days.

Clause 2 Prospective candidates may secure petitions at the Student Activity Office or the Student Services on either campus.

Clause 3 No student shall be a candidate for more than one student body office.

Clause 4 If an office is vacant after all petitions and nominations are received during the election process it is then delegated power of the current president to appoint a student to fill the vacancy.

Section 4.03 Elections Rules and Regulations

Clause 1 Elections shall be held in Spring Semester.

Clause 2 The election results shall be announced during the regularly scheduled Associated Student Government meeting.

Clause 3 All elections shall be by secret ballot.

Sub-Clause 1 A space shall be provided for the write-in candidates (defined in Article 4 Section 4.04) in each office.

Sub-Clause 2 Each candidate will have their name placed on the ballot under the office for which they are running. Alongside each candidate will be a space designated for the voter to mark. This mark (only one per officer/senator position) will be recognized as the individual voter's vote.

Sub-Section 1 In the event there are two (2) or more marks (votes) in the same bracket for a single office, that vote for that office will be discarded. The remainder of votes on the voter card (assuming there is only one vote per position thereafter) shall be tallied normally.

Clause 4 A simple majority of the votes cast by the voters necessary for election to any office.

Clause 5 In the event that a simple majority is not obtained in the first election then a runoff election shall be held no later than the following week.

Clause 6 The votes shall be counted by two individuals: the first is an individual designated by the current President; the second is the Student Senate Advisor.

Clause 7 Voting Procedures and Regulations

Sub-Clause 1 Voter will initial the appropriate registration book

Sub-Clause 2 Secure a ballot. Place a mark in the space provided, or write the name of the candidate of your (the voter's) choice.

Sub-Clause 3 The election shall be held at the location designated by the Student Senate.

Section 4.04 Write in Candidates

Clause 1 A write in candidate shall be accepted for any elected office, provided that the candidate meets the qualifications for the office in question.

Sub-Clause 1 In order for a write-in candidate to be elected into any elected office the candidate must obtain at least one tenth (1/10) of the total amount of submitted votes (ballots) AND (if there is someone running against him/her) the simple majority of the votes for the candidates position.

Section 4.05 Campaigning Rules and Regulations

Clause 1 All campaign advertising must be approved and stamped through the student activities office. In addition, all campaign postings are to be placed in approved areas only.

Clause 2 All campaigning candidates will be held responsible for removing their campaign materials from the posting areas by the second day following elections.

Clause 3 Campaigning may begin immediately following the close of nomination period and through the last day of elections.

Section 4.06 Immediate disqualification will result if any candidate violates the election code as determined by the Student Senate (ASG) Advisor.

Article V. Meetings

Section 5.01 Assemblies and business meeting shall be called at any time by the President with the consent of the Student Senate Advisor.

Clause 1 Student Senate meetings, times, and locations, are announced and are open to the public.

Sub-Clause 1 Quorum for Student Senate meetings is a simple majority of the total amount of Senators and Officers in attendance (excluding the ASG President).

Sub-Clause 2 Regular (Student Senate) meetings and minutes of regular meetings shall be made public and posted.

Clause 2 Any club without an Inter-Club council Representative present at two (2) consecutive general meetings will be subject to a warning from the ASG Executive Board. Absence of three (3) consecutive meetings will result in the club being put on probation status.

Sub-Clause 1 Probation status is defined as: suspension of club activities, funding requests and/or project approvals.

Sub-Clause 2 Probation status can only be lifted after one of two events occurs. Either: (event 1) the student organization has had an Inter-Club Council Representative present for a minimum of two (2) consecutive meetings AND the approval to be reinstated by the Executive Board OR (Event 2) the student organization Inter-Club Council Representative has been present for a minimum of four (4) consecutive meetings.

Sub-Section 1 Under no circumstances is the Executive Board obligated to reinstate a club to satisfy the conditions of Event 1. If the Executive Board deems it appropriate, the officers, reserve the right to make the student organization (club) wait until Event 2's requirements are met before reinstating the student organization.

Sub-Clause 3 In the event the club is too small to have a full Executive Board of their own or their current ICC rep is excusably unable to attend, then (at the discretion of the ASG President) another executive officer from that student organization (club) can stand-in as the representative for a club.

Section 5.02 Executive Board meetings shall be called by the President.

Clause 1 Executive Board meeting times and locations shall be set by the Executive Board members.

Sub-Clause 1 Executive Board members have twenty four (24) hours to decide on a time and location for a meeting.

Sub-Clause 2 Executive Board meetings declared by the President must be held within five (5) school days of declaration.

Sub-Clause 3 Executive Board members will be notified of the next Executive Board meeting with no less than twenty four (24) hours' notice.

Clause 2 Quorum for meetings is 5/6 of the total amount of board members.

Section of 5.03 All meetings will follow Parliamentary Procedures. Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail when interpretation or challenges of Parliamentary Procedure is necessary.

Article VI. Amendments

Section 6.01 Amending the Constitution

Clause 1 This constitution may be amended with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by a quorum of voting members in attendance (the Executive Board AND the Student Senate.)

Clause 2 Proposal for the amendments may be made by the Student Senate with a simple majority vote from the senate.

Sub-Clause 1 The necessary vote for the amendment, being proposed, to be passed is a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by a quorum of voting members in attendance (Executive Board AND the Student Senate).

Clause 3 Any Associated Student Government member (as defined by Article 2 Section 2.01) in the Madera/Oakhurst North Center may make a proposal (to amend this constitution) to the senate, with a petition bearing the signatures of 250 students.

Sub-Clause 1 The necessary vote for the amendment being proposed to be passed, is a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by a quorum of voting members in attendance (Executive Board AND the Student Senate).

Article VII. Bylaws

Section 7.01 The Executive Board and Student Senate shall create and enforce bylaws in accordance with the aims of this constitution.

Section 7.02 Creating or Amending Bylaws

Clause 1 In order for a new bylaw to be implemented a simple majority vote by a quorum of the Executive Board and Student Senators in attendance is required.

Clause 2 In order for a bylaw to be amended a simple majority vote by a quorum of the Executive Board and Student Senators in attendance is required.

Sub-Clause 1 Proposal for the amendments may be made by the Executive Board and/or the Student Senate with a simple majority vote from the senators in attendance.

Clause 3 Any Associate Student Body member (as defined by Article 2 Section 2.01) in the Madera/Oakhurst North Center may make a proposal (to amend the Associated Student Government bylaws) to the senate, with a petition bearing the signatures of 250 students.

Sub-Clause 1 The necessary vote for the amendment being proposed to be passed is a simple majority vote by a quorum of voting members in attendance (Executive Board AND the Student Senate).

Section 7.03 In the event there is a conflict between this constitution and the Associated Student Government Bylaws, this constitution shall prevail.

Article VIII. Appeals Process

Section 8.01 An appeal may be made to the Student Government to make an exception to the constitution and/or Bylaws on a case by case basis.

Clause 1 This case by case approval shall be approved by a simple majority vote by a quorum of voting members in attendance (the Executive Board AND the Student Senate).

Clause 2 Proposal of the appeal may be made by the Student Senate with a simple majority vote from the senators in attendance.