

# **Santa Monica High School Associated Student Body Constitution**

## **Article I. Affiliation with other groups**

The Santa Monica High School Associated Student Body (which may also be referred to by its short title, "ASB") shall from time to time work with the administration as well the Inter Club Council, House Advisories, and the general student body on matters relating to the school.

ASB shall have the duty to support and assist the activities of campus clubs and organizations.

ASB shall have the ability to petition the school administration regarding any concern or matter relevant to students, and receive a reply within two weeks.

## **Article II. Purpose**

The Associated Student Body shall consist of all students elected and appointed to the ASB class, and shall govern the student population of Santa Monica High School.

Members of the ASB shall collectively have the power to:

- Manage all Student Body funds and concerns.
- Initiate and organize activities.
- Represent and speak on behalf of the student body to the community at large.
- Change the by-laws.
- Initiate constitutional amendments.
- Pass resolutions concerning any matter related to the student body as well as ASB, including but not limited to administrative decisions.
- Request and promptly receive information concerning the school budget.

## **Article III. Membership Requirements**

All potential members of the ASB must be students of Santa Monica High School and have at least a 2.5 GPA cumulative and no "F"s and no more than one "D" in the first semester of the year they submit their application or stand at election. Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA upon their election or appointment to the ASB.

## **Article IV. Officers**

The ASB shall be composed of an Executive Board, Grade Representatives, House Representatives, and Commissioners.

## **Article V. Advisor**

A Santa Monica High School teacher shall be chosen by the school administration to serve as the Advisor, who shall attend ASB class sessions and meetings and provide advice and support to the members of ASB.

In the event of a vacancy, the school administration shall consider the input of the Executive Board in selecting a new advisor.

#### **Article VI. Meetings**

ASB shall hold a formal meeting at least once a week, or more often as specified by the Executive Board.

#### **Article VII. Quorum**

There shall be a set quorum for all votes held in ASB, and no vote shall be held in the absence of a quorum.

The quorum shall be a majority of the class.

#### **Article VIII. Recall of Members**

A member of ASB may be recalled by a two-thirds vote of his or her peers in ASB, if it can be shown that the member has broken school rules, not adhered to the bylaws, or violated the ASB contract.

Any member considered for recall shall be given a minimum of five days to prepare defense before a vote occurs. No one shall be unduly pressured to vote for or against the recall of a member.

The exact procedure to initiate the recall process shall be determined, and may be modified, by appropriate bylaws.

#### **Article IX. Amendments**

The ASB class shall have the ability to amend this Constitution by a two-thirds vote. Once an amendment is passed, it shall take effect the following school year.

In the event of strong opposition to a proposed amendment, the Executive Board shall call a Constitutional Hearing at a time when any student may come and provide input on the vote. Sufficient time shall be allotted to allow all concerns about amendments to be heard before a vote is taken.

#### **Article X. Ratification**

Upon a three-fourths vote, the Associated Student Body of Santa Monica High School shall hereby adopt and ratify this Constitution on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March of 2016.