ASCWI Constitution

Preamble

We, the Associated Students of the College of Western Idaho, adopt this Constitution in order to inspire courage, commitment, and innovation, to participate in decisions concerning our education and the general welfare of this institution, and, through faithful and suitable representation, to pursue fairness and unity between students, faculty, staff, administration, and the community.

We understand and acknowledge that the ASCWI is an elected representational body for CWI students, and is not a voice of CWI, the Administration, or the Board of Trustees.

Article I: Name and Membership

SECTION 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Associated Students of the College of Western Idaho. The official abbreviation shall be ASCWI.

SECTION 2: Membership

Membership in the ASCWI shall include all ASCWI fee-paying students.

Article II: Diversity Statement

It is the policy of the ASCWI not to discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, sexual orientation, disability or any other category protected by applicable federal, state, or local law. Further, the ASCWI shall strive to develop an educational environment free from harassment, and free from derogatory, demeaning or inflammatory speech or imagery by any recognized ASCWI activity, club, or organization.

Article III: ASCWI Government

SECTION 1: Structure

The ASCWI government shall consist of Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches.

Clause 1: Executive power shall be vested in the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Historian.

Clause 2: Legislative power shall be vested in ten (10) Senators, including one (1) Pro Tempore.

Clause 3: Judicial power shall be vested in the Supreme Court, which shall consist of four (4) Justices and one (1) Chief Justice.

SECTION 2: Minimum Qualifications

All ASCWI government members must meet all of the following qualifications:

Clause 1: Must be currently enrolled with a minimum of six (6) credit hours at CWI per semester, excluding summer.

Clause 2: Must maintain a cumulative grade point average of a 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale.

Clause 3: In order to be eligible for the position of Chief Justice, must have served at least one (1) previous semester as either an ASCWI Supreme Court Justice or another position within the ASCWI government.

SECTION 3: Expectations

All ASCWI government members must strive to meet the following expectations:

Clause 1: Excellent time and project management skills.
Clause 2: Problem solving ability.
Clause 3: Strong organizational and communication skills.
Clause 4: Ability to work cooperatively as a team with professional staff and students.
Clause 5: Creativity and open-mindedness.

Article IV: Equal Representation

In order to promote equal representation of all academic areas, the ASCWI Senate must consist of one (1) member from each of the eight (8) following areas: Health Professions and Early Childhood Education; Manufacturing, Horticulture and Culinary Arts; Information Technology / Business Management and Administration; Transportation; Business and Economics; Language and Arts; Math and Science; Social and Behavioral Sciences. The other two (2) members may come from any academic area.

Article V: Executive

SECTION 1: General Duties and Responsibilities

Clause 1: The Executives shall:

a. Administer the affairs of the ASCWI and execute all bylaws, legislation and rules adopted by the ASCWI.
b. Make recommendations for the establishment, functions, and/or tasks of ASCWI boards and committees.
c. Set the time, date, and place of all meetings and supplemental meetings of the Executive Branch.
d. Be present at all ASCWI Senate meetings.
e. Review minutes from the previous meeting to ensure correct information has been given.
e. Appoint members to ASCWI boards and committees as well as any college wide committees that include student participation.
f. Perform other duties as assigned by the Dean of Enrollment and Student Services and the ASCWI President.

SECTION 2: Individual Powers and Responsibilities

Clause 1: The President shall:

a. Preside over all Executive meetings.
c. Call special sessions of the ASCWI Senate with 48 hours notice when necessary to serve the general welfare of the ASCWI.
d. Establish boards and committees as necessary to serve the general welfare of the ASCWI.
e. Have the authority to nominate Senators to represent the ASCWI to other associations of faculty, staff, or administration.

f. In the event of a vacancy of an officer, have the authority to nominate a replacement from the membership of the ASCWI.
g. Serve as a representative to the CWI Board of Trustees.
h. Be responsible to ensure that the ASCWI government upholds this Constitution.
i. Be empowered to approve or veto all Senate legislation, with the exception of all internal rules and procedures as established within this Constitution.
j. Exist as an ex-officio member of all ASCWI boards and committees.
k. Keep the ASCWI government Advisor informed and current on work, decisions, meetings, and other pertinent information regarding the ASCWI Executive Branch.
l. Perform other duties that are necessary to serve the general welfare of the ASCWI.

Clause 2: The Vice President shall:

a. Conduct all ASCWI Senate meetings.
b. Follow and stay up-to-date with Robert's Rules of Order during all Senate meetings.
c. In the ASCWI President's absence, perform all duties of the President (with the exception of Article V, Section 2, Clause 1:i).
d. In the case of a vacancy in the ASCWI presidency, assume the position of the President.
e. Create Senate meeting agendas.
f. Along with the President, be responsible to ensure that the Senate upholds this Constitution.
g. Cast a vote in the case of a tie within the Senate.
h. Keep the ASCWI government Advisor informed and current on work, decisions, meetings, and other pertinent information regarding the ASCWI Legislative Branch.
i. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Clause 3: The Treasurer shall:

a. Chair the Board of Treasury.
b. Prepare monthly financial reports for the ASCWI government members and the CWI Vice President of Finance or their designee.
c. Work to develop the annual budget allocations report and assist with any special contingency requests throughout the year.
d. Ensure that the ASCWI budget procedures, practices, and day-to-day activities conform to all CWI Business and Accounting procedures.
f. Assist the Student Enrichment Office in the accounting of ASCWI funds and ASCWI government approved expenditures, ensuring that all ASCWI expenditures are accounted for, expended, and approved according to all applicable CWI policies, as well as State of Idaho and federal non-profit statutes.
g. Function with independence and ethical and fiscal integrity to ensure that all applicable accounting regulations are followed.
h. Prepare and submit all ASCWI financial books to the annual audit team or external auditors as requested by the Dean of Enrollment and Student Services.
i. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the ASCWI President.

Clause 4: The Secretary shall:

a. Be responsible for recording and publishing minutes and official documents for the ASCWI government.
b. Record minutes at all Senate meetings.
c. Call roll and record attendance in the minutes at all Senate meetings.
d. Keep an additional record of compliance with the attendance policy at Senate meetings, Executive meetings, and other functions.

e. Keep an updated file of ASCWI government members and distribute a contact list among all government members, the Dean of Enrollment and Student Services, and the Office of the CWI President.
f. Report unexcused absences and failures to meet minimum office hour requirements to the ASCWI President and Advisor.
g. Keep a record of weekly office hour logs.
h. Keep and maintain all records, including filings, notifications of actions or elections, and other documents according to standard policies and procedures related to non-profit organizations and Idaho corporate law and statutes.
i. Inform the public of government meetings and supplemental meetings within 24 hours of said meeting.
j. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Clause 5: The Historian shall:

a. Keep a legal record of documents, including any publications submitted by the Board of Government Publications, in the office in a binder which the public can view and utilize.
b. Chair the Board of Government Publications.
c. Ensure ongoing communication between the ASCWI government and the ASCWI.
d. Take photographs or ensure photographs have been taken at any ASCWI functions and events.
e. Keep a record of all traditions, as established by the ASCWI.
f. In the absence of the Secretary, assume all secretarial duties and responsibilities.
g. Act as a liaison to the Marketing and Communications departments.
h. Perform other duties as may be assigned by the ASCWI President.

Article VI: Legislative

SECTION 1: General Duties and Responsibilities

Clause 1: The Senators Shall...

a. Read and adhere to all ASCWI Bylaws and other legislation.
b. Establish, determine, and execute all of the functions of ASCWI committees.
c. Set the time, date, and place of all supplemental meetings of the Legislative Branch with 48 hours notice.
d. Exist as voting members of the ASCWI Senate.
e. Perform other duties as assigned by the ASCWI Vice President and the Dean of Enrollment and Student Services.
f. Adopt legislation, bylaws or regulations necessary for the general welfare for the ASCWI.
g. Exercise legislative authority over funds through the approval of the ASCWI budget.
h. Review and recommend student organizations for approval by the college administration.

SECTION 2: Individual Powers and Responsibilities

Clause 1: Each Senator Shall…

a. Attend all Senate meetings according to the attendance policy, as outlined in the ASCWI Bylaws.

b. Attend all assigned board and/or committee meetings.
c. Review minutes from the previous meeting to ensure correct information has been given.
d. Maintain a minimum of four (4) office hours each week and record hours on the office log.
e. Attend the community service projects sponsored by the Senate.
f. Attend social activities outside of school to unite the Senate.
g. Attend scheduled school activities sponsored by the Student Enrichment Office and other clubs and organizations on campus as assigned.
h. Give notice of any absences in accordance with the attendance policy as outlined in the ASCWI Bylaws.
i. Follow and stay up-to-date with Robert's Rules of Order during all Senate meetings.

Clause 2: The Pro Tempore Shall…

a. Conduct all regular and supplemental ASCWI Senate meetings in the Vice President's absence.
b. In the case of a vacancy in the vice presidency, assume the position of the Vice President.

Article VII: Judicial

SECTION 1: General Duties and Responsibilities

ASCWI Justices shall be appointed by the ASCWI President and affirmed by the full senate. They shall preside over: (i) appeals concerning the constitutionality of actions of the senate or the executive branch; (ii) any action referred by the college's administration to the Court which addresses or concerns violations of the student handbook; (iii) any challenges of the results of ASCWI elections.

Clause 1: The Justices Shall...

a. Read and adhere to all ASCWI Bylaws and other legislation.
b. Hear disputes and form decisions based upon this Constitution.
c. When called upon, convene within ten (10) days.
d. Render a verdict within ten (10) days after convening.
e. Set the time, date, and place of all meetings and supplemental meetings of the Judicial Branch.
f. Perform other duties as assigned by the ASCWI Chief Justice and the Dean of Enrollment and Student Services.

SECTION 2: Individual Powers and Responsibilities

Clause 1: The Chief Justice Shall...

a. Assume all the individual powers and responsibilities of Justices, as described in Clause 2 of this section.
b. Chair the ASCWI Supreme Court.
c. Produce, or assign another justice to produce, written opinions after reviewing all available pertinent documentation, hearing testimony, and evaluating the preponderance of evidence in relation to this Constitution.
d. Keep the ASCWI government Advisor informed and current on work, decisions, meetings, and other pertinent information regarding the ASCWI Judicial branch.

Clause 2: Each Justice Shall...

a. Be voting members of the Supreme Court.
b. Hear cases upon appeals to the court.
c. Accept or reject all cases brought before the Supreme Court.
d. Have original jurisdiction over all of the following:
    1. Any appeals to ASCWI government election results.
    2. Appeals to any question of eligibility of any candidate or member of the government.

SECTION 3: Rulings

Clause 1: In all matters where the ASCWI Supreme Court has original jurisdiction, they shall have power to render binding decisions.
Clause 2: Any decision of the Supreme Court shall be made by a simple majority vote.
Clause 3: All rulings shall be public domain.
Clause 4: A majority and dissenting opinion shall be published with each ruling.
Clause 5: Due to conflict of interest, any Justice may be recused from any case heard by the Supreme Court.
Clause 6: In the case of a deadlock of the Supreme Court, the case is dismissed and original rulings, if any, stand.

Article VIII: ASCWI Government Advisor

SECTION 1: Powers and Responsibilities

An Enrollment & Student Services or Student Enrichment official shall act as the ASCWI government Advisor.

Clause1: The Advisor Shall…

Sub-Clause 1: Assist and advise the ASCWI government and its individual members as needed and provide Enrollment & Student Services oversight to ensure compliance with college policies, procedures, and all applicable governance structures.
Sub-Clause 2: Keep the Dean of Enrollment and Student Services informed and current on work, decisions, meetings, and other pertinent information regarding the ASCWI Executive and Legislative Branches as appropriate.

Article IX: Breaks

All affairs of the ASCWI government shall be put on hold on the last school day before and resume on the first school day after any school or holiday closures.

Article X: Vacancies

SECTION 1: Occurrence

Clause 1: Any ASCWI government position may be vacated, either voluntarily or involuntarily in the following ways:

Sub-Clause 1: Member is removed from office.
Sub-Clause 2: Member is no longer a member of the ASCWI.

Sub-Clause 3: Member becomes unable to perform his or her duties and is unable to voluntarily resign.
Sub-Clause 4: Member resigns from office.

SECTION 2: Executive Vacancy

Clause 1: In the event of a vacancy in the ASCWI presidency, the ASCWI Vice President shall fill that vacancy for the remainder of the term.
Clause 2: In the event of a vacancy in the ASCWI vice presidency, the ASCWI Pro Tempore shall fill that vacancy for the remainder of the current term.
Clause 3: In the event of a vacancy of the position of ASCWI Treasurer, Secretary, or Historian, a member of the ASCWI shall be appointed to fill that vacancy for the remainder of the current term by the ASCWI President and approved by a super majority vote of the Senate.

SECTION 3: Senate Vacancy

Clause 1: In the event of a vacancy of the position of ASCWI Pro Tempore, a member of the ASCWI Senate shall be elected by the Senate to fill that vacancy for the remainder of the current term.
Clause 2: In the event of a vacancy in the Senate, a member of the ASCWI shall be appointed to fill that vacancy for the remainder of the current term by the ASCWI Vice President and approved by a super majority vote of the Senate.

SECTION 4: Supreme Court Vacancy

Clause 1: In the event of a vacancy of an ASCWI Supreme Court Justice, a member of the ASCWI shall be appointed to fill that vacancy by the ASCWI President and approved by a super majority vote of the Senate.
Clause 2: In the event of a vacancy of the ASCWI Supreme Court Chief Justice, a new Chief Justice shall be chosen from within the ASCWI Supreme Court by a simple majority vote of all five (5) members (after the vacant position as Justice is filled) of the Supreme Court.

SECTION 5: Movement within the ASCWI Government

Clause 1: If any ASCWI government member is appointed to fill a vacancy within the government during his or her term, that member has 48 hours to accept or decline appointment.
Clause 2: If a member accepts appointment to a new position, that member shall automatically be removed from his or her original position upon approval of appointment by a simple majority vote of the ASCWI Senate.

SECTION 6: Multiple Government Positions

Clause 1: An elected or appointed member of the ASCWI government cannot hold more than one position in the government simultaneously.
Clause 2: Any student currently serving as a member of the government may be appointed to other positions within the government without resigning from his or her current position.
Clause 3: If a government member accepts appointment to a new position, that student shall automatically be removed from his or her original position upon approval of appointment by the ASCWI Senate.

Article XI: Meetings

SECTION 1: Public Meetings

All meetings of the ASCWI government shall be open to the public.

Clause 1: The time, date, and location of government meetings must be posted for public knowledge at least 24 hours in advance in a place where the general public can view it.

Article XII: Finance

SECTION 1: Overall Financing

Clause 1: The ASCWI government shall annually develop and submit a budget and student fee proposal to the Dean of Enrollment & Student Services to be presented through the college governance structure.

Clause 2: The budget shall be submitted to the Dean of Enrollment & Student Services no later than December 1 of each year.

Clause 3: The ASCWI Treasurer shall develop the budget using the methodology in Section 2 of this Article.

Clause 4: The Treasurer shall initiate and/or approve expenditures and monitor said budget and student fees in accordance with Article V, Section 2, Clause 3.

SECTION 2: Budgeting Methodology

Clause 1: The ASCWI Senate shall discuss budget priorities at the third meeting of the fall semester and invite student comment and participation.

Clause 2: The Treasurer shall develop a budget proposal with the Senate (Article V, Section 2, Clause 3).

Clause 3: The Senate will review and move forward a budget proposal for consideration by the ASCWI by the tenth week of the fall semester.

Clause 4: The ASCWI executives shall host, at least two (2) per campus, a series of supplemental meetings to gather student concerns and direction.

Clause 5: The Senate shall review and approve a final budget and associated ASCWI student fee proposal with a super majority vote at the X meeting of the fall semester.

SECTION 3: Registered Clubs & Organizations (RCO)

Clause 1: Any Registered Club or Organization (RCO) meeting Senate and the Student Enrichment Office's Open Enrollment Guidelines will receive initial funding as set forth in the ASCWI Bylaws two (2) weeks after the Open Enrollment Period closes.

Clause 2: All RCOs must comply with the CWI Student Clubs and Organizations Handbook and attend United Registered Organizations and Clubs (UROC) meetings in compliance with the current guidelines established in the CWI Student Clubs and Organizations Handbook.

Clause 3: The ASCWI Senate may revoke funding to any RCO which fails to maintain their qualification as required by the Senate and/or the Student Enrichment Office.

Clause 4: Established Student Club Accounts must be maintained within the CWI Finance Office and are established based upon the club maintaining its approved status. If a club is inactive for three (3) consecutive calendar years, any remaining balance will be transferred to the ASCWI general fund and the club account will be closed.

Article XIII: Clubs and Organizations

SECTION 1: Recognition

Clause 1: The ASCWI Senate, along with the Student Enrichment Office, shall review and recommend student clubs and organizations for approval by the college administration.

Clause 2: The government and Student Enrichment Office may revoke recognition of any club or organization that does not maintain the qualifications outlined in the Clubs and Organizations Handbook.

Clause 3: No club or organization of ASCWI shall have approved names, logos, or imagery that may be perceived by members of the College or the community as offensive, harassing, derogatory, demeaning or inflammatory nor shall any recognized ASCWI activity, club, or organization engage in any speech or imagery of such a nature.

SECTION 2: United Registered Organizations and Clubs

Clause 1: Clubs and organizations recognized by the ASCWI and the Student Enrichment Office shall be members of the United Registered Organizations and Clubs.

Sub-Clause 1: The official abbreviation of this organization shall be UROC.

Clause 2: The UROC shall be comprised of the ASCWI President or a designee, one (1) ASCWI Senator, and one (1) representative from each ASCWI club and organization in the UROC.

Sub-Clause 1: The President or a designee shall chair the UROC.

Sub-Clause 2: The Senator present at UROC meetings shall be the official representative of the ASCWI government.

Clause 3: Each club and organization in the UROC shall receive one (1) vote, regardless of how many members of that club or organization attend.

Clause 4: At least one (1) member from each registered club and organization must attend UROC meetings to maintain membership in the UROC and receive funding from the government.

SECTION 3: Structure

The ASCWI government and the Student Enrichment Office work collaboratively to support all recognized clubs and organizations.

Clause 1: All clubs and organizations must be approved and remain in good standing with the Student Enrichment Office to receive any funding from the government.

Sub-Clause 1: Clubs must fill out any required paperwork during the Open Enrollment Period and complete orientation trainings in order to be considered an approved club (see Clubs and Organizations Handbook for specifics).

Sub-Clause 2: If the club fails to meet the requirements for an active status, the club will not receive any funding from the government for that semester.

Clause 2: All current and prospective clubs should visit the club and organizations website for information regarding policies and procedures in order to stay in good standing with the government and the Student Enrichment Office.

SECTION 4: Funding Limitations

Funding may only be used to contribute to a club or organization's functions.

Clause1: Fund expenditures must comply with and follow all CWI policies and procedures.

Clause 2: Use of funding may not inhibit the general welfare of the ASCWI.

Clause 3: Failure to comply with any and all limitations of funding may result in a revocation of funding.

Article XIV: Elections

SECTION 1: Elections Requirements

Anything regarding elections must follow all of the guidelines set forth in the Candidate Packet and the Voter's Guide.

Clause 1: It shall be the responsibility of ASCWI government candidates, their supporters, and all other students involved in ASCWI elections to be informed of and to follow these policies and procedures.

SECTION 2: Elections

Any member of the ASCWI may become a candidate for office after having fulfilled the eligibility requirements as stated in this Constitution and the ASCWI Bylaws.

Clause 1: The ASCWI President, Vice President, and ten (10) Senators shall be elected in a general election to be held the seventh week of the spring semester.

Clause 2: All election returns will be certified by the Elections Administration Committee (EAC) and approved by the ASCWI Senate within two (2) calendar weeks of the election, except in the case of protest in which one (1) extra week will be permitted.

Clause 3: All election protests must be received by the EAC chair, in writing, or via email within three (3) calendar days of the election date.

Clause 4: Immediately after the election results are certified by the Senate, all newly elected officers shall attend their respective branch, board, and committee meetings to begin an apprenticeship and transition to the ASCWI government.

Clause 5: No person shall be disqualified from office or running for office for any frivolous or trivial reason.

Article XV: Terms and Term Limits

SECTION 1: Term of Legislative Office

For members of the ASCWI Legislative Branch, a term shall begin upon taking the Oath of Office and shall expire at the final ASCWI Senate meeting of the spring semester, upon the inauguration of the newly elected Senate.

SECTION 2: Term of Executive Office

Clause 1: For the President and Vice President, a term shall begin upon taking the Oath of Office and shall expire at the final meeting of the spring semester of the ASCWI executives, upon the inauguration of the newly elected executives.

Clause 2: For appointed executives, a term shall begin upon taking the Oath of Office, after confirmation by the Senate, and shall expire at the end of the final meeting of the spring semester.

SECTION 3: Term of Judicial Office

For members of the ASCWI Judicial Branch, a term shall begin upon taking the Oath of Office and shall expire only when that member ceases to be a member of the ASCWI.

SECTION 4: Term Limits

No officer of the ASCWI government shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms within the government.

Clause 1: No officer of the ASCWI Executive Branch shall serve more than two (2) terms in the same position.

Article XVI: Recall and Impeachment

SECTION 1: Recall by Student Petition

Clause 1: ASCWI officers may be recalled by a petition of signatures from the ASCWI equal to ten percent (10%) or more of the ASCWI membership.

Sub-Clause 1: An officer who has not held the office for more than thirty (30) days shall not be recalled nor shall a petition be circulated calling for the recall of said officer.

Sub-Clause 2: An officer who has less than thirty calendar days left before the natural expiration of the term shall not be recalled from office.

Sub-Clause 3: The petition shall be submitted to the Dean of Enrollment and Student Services or a designee for approval before signature collection begins.

Sub-Clause 4: The petition must identify the specific officer being recalled.

Sub-Clause 5: The petition shall identify the charges being laid against the listed officer.

Clause 2: If recall petition signatures are sufficient, the Dean of Enrollment and Student Services shall conduct a recall election within ten (10) school days from the receipt of the petition.

Sub-Clause 1: Removal from office shall only occur when the number of Yes votes are at least two-thirds (66%) of total votes.

Sub-Clause 2: The ballot must identify the specific officer(s) affected.

Sub-Clause 3: The ballot shall identify the charges being laid against the listed officer(s).

Sub-Clause 4: The ballot must contain a rebuttal by the officer(s).

Sub-Clause 5: The election shall be administered and votes counted by the Dean of Enrollment and Student Services and the ASCWI government Advisor.

SECTION 2: Impeachment

All elected or appointed officers of the ASCWI government shall be subject to removal from office by impeachment for mis-, mal- or nonfeasance of duties and responsibilities within the ASCWI.

Clause 1: The ASCWI Senate shall have the sole power of impeachment.

Clause 2: The accused officer shall have the right to a hearing by the Senate, as outlined in the hearing procedure document, with the proceedings chaired by the ASCWI Chief Justice.

Sub-Clause 1: In the event that the Chief Justice is accused, he or she shall have the right to a hearing by the Senate, with the proceedings chaired by the ASCWI President.

Clause 3: A member of the government shall not be tried for impeachment until the accused has been notified, in writing, of the charges seven (7) calendar days prior to the hearing.

Clause 4: A hearing shall take place no later than two (2) calendar weeks after the accused has received written notification.

Clause 5: A trial for the impeachment of the accused member shall not take place without the indictment of a super majority of the total membership of the Senate.

Clause 6: After a hearing, if a super majority vote by secret ballot of the Senate is in favor of removal, an officer shall be removed.

Article XVII: Initiative and Referendum

SECTION 1: Initiative

The ASCWI may propose legislation in the following manner: A minimum of ten (10) percent of the ASCWI may sign a petition and file it with the ASCWI Secretary. The ASCWI President shall then submit this petition for a vote of the ASCWI at the next general election, or by a special election called by the President. Any initiative receiving a simple majority vote of the ASCWI shall be forwarded to the Dean of Enrollment and Student Services with a request that the item be reviewed through the college governance structure.

Clause 1: The initiative petition shall include the full text of the proposed legislation. In addition, a line for the printed name, signature, and student identification number of all students signing the petition shall be included. It should indicate if the petition signers are requesting a special election or the general election.

Clause 2: No initiative shall be considered if it is in contradiction with this Constitution.

Clause 3: All petitions must be registered with the ASCWI Vice President before signature collection begins.

Clause 4: Special elections shall occur no later than ten (10) school days following the filling of a successful petition.

Clause 5: Voting shall be by secret ballot.

Clause 6: No initiative approved by the voters shall be inhibited from being forwarded to the Dean of Enrollment and Student Services.

Clause 7: No initiative or declaration of policy, within ASCWI, approved by the voters shall be amended or repealed except by the voters, unless such initiative or declaration of policy shall otherwise provide.

SECTION 2: Referendum

Any law shall be considered null and void if a referendum for the said law is accepted by a majority of the members of the ASCWI in a general or special election. All legislative actions of the ASCWI Senate may be rescinded by the ASCWI in the following manner: A minimum of ten (10) percent of the ASCWI must sign a petition and file it with the ASCWI Vice President, requesting that such legislative action be submitted to the ASCWI for rejection. If such a petition is filed, that referendum shall be submitted at the next general election or special election called by the ASCWI President and shall be rescinded by a simple majority vote of the ASCWI.

Clause 1: The referendum petition shall include the full text of the law to be rescinded. In addition, a line for the printed name, signature, and student identification number of all students signing the petition shall be included. The petition shall indicate if the petition signers are requesting a special election or wait until the next general election.

Clause 2: No referendum shall be valid if it is in contradiction with this Constitution.

Clause 3: All petitions must be registered with the Vice President before signature collection begins.

Clause 4: Special elections shall occur no later than ten (10) school days following the filling of a successful petition.

Clause 5: Voting shall be by secret ballot.

SECTION 3: Petitions and Withdrawal of Signatures

A person signing a petition for initiative, referendum, or recall may withdraw his or her name from such petition by filing with the ASCWI Vice President a verified revocation of that signature prior to the filing of such petition itself.

Article XVIII: Student Publications

The ASCWI supports the development of a student communications structure to promote participation and unite all members of the ASCWI, all CWI students, faculty, staff, administration, and the community, by providing sources of information and dignified, unbiased reports of all aspects of CWI life. The development of these publications shall be formed and managed by the Board of Government Publications as described in the current ASCWI Bylaws and approved through the Dean of Enrollment & Student Services and college governance structure.

Article XIX: Amending the Constitution

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed either by a petition signed by 15 percent of the members of the ASCWI, or by a super majority vote of the ASCWI Senate, provided that the amendment shall have been read at two (2) or more successive meetings of the Senate.

Clause 1: Amendments shall be enacted when ratified by a simple majority of those voting in a referendum of the ASCWI, which shall take place after seven (7) calendar days public notice at the least.

Clause 2: All amendments must be completed no earlier than the ninth week and no later than the fourteenth week of the spring semester, granted all the qualifications are met.

Clause 3: All amendments shall be added to this Constitution, and the new Constitution shall supersede all previous ASCWI Constitutions with approval through the college governance structure.

Article XX: Ratification

This Constitution shall become effective upon a super majority vote of the ASCWI Senate and approval from a simple majority of the voting ASCWI members.

Article XXI: Definitions

Clause 1: **Appoint** shall be to determine by authority or agreement, subject to a simple majority vote of the ASCWI Senate.

Clause 2: A **board** shall refer to an official group of ASCWI members which directs or supervises an ongoing aspect of the ASCWI, with a constitutionally appointed chair and members selected from the ASCWI.

Clause 3: A **committee** shall refer to an official group of ASCWI members which temporarily directs or supervises an aspect of the ASCWI, with a constitutionally appointed chair and members selected from the ASCWI.

Clause 4: An **ex-officio member** shall refer to a nonvoting member of an ASCWI government board or committee.

Clause 5: A **general election** shall refer to the election held in the spring semester for the ASCWI President, Vice President, and ten (10) Senators.

Clause 6: A **general meeting** shall refer to any regularly scheduled meeting of the ASCWI government.

Clause 7: **Impeachment** shall refer to the presentation of formal accusations against an ASCWI government member by another member of the ASCWI government *(see Article XVI, Section 2)*.
Clause 8: **Initiative** shall refer to the procedure by which a specified number of voters may propose legislation and compel a popular vote on its adoption *(see Article XVII, Section 1)*.
Clause 9: The **United Registered Clubs and Organizations (UROC)** are all of the clubs and organizations of the ASCWI *(refer to the CWI Student Clubs and Organizations Handbook).*
Clause 10: **Nominate** shall be to propose a member of the ASCWI for appointment or election to a position *(refer to the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order)*.
Clause 11: **Original jurisdiction** shall refer to the power to be the first to hear a case.
Clause 12: A **petition** shall refer to a formally drawn request, bearing the names of a number of those making the request that is addressed to the ASCWI government, soliciting some legislation, right, or other benefit.
Clause 13: **Recall** shall be to summon back and withdraw the office from an ASCWI government member *(see Article XVI, Section 1)*.
Clause 14: **Referendum** shall refer to the principle or practice of referring measures proposed or passed by the ASCWI Senate to the vote of the ASCWI for rejection *(see XVII, Section 2)*.
Clause 15: The **Registered Clubs and Organizations (RCOs)** refer to each recognized club or organization of the ASCWI *(refer to the CWI Student Clubs and Organizations Handbook)*.
Clause 16: **Secret ballot** shall refer to a vote in which each person's choice is secret but the totaled votes are public.
Clause 17: A **simple majority** shall refer to fifty (50) percent of voting members, plus one.
Clause 18: A **special election** shall refer to an election held separate from the general election for a specific purpose.
Clause 19: A **standing committee** shall refer to an official group of ASCWI members which directs or supervises an intermittent aspect of the ASCWI, with a constitutionally appointed chair and members selected from the ASCWI.
Clause 20: A **super majority** shall refer to sixty-six (66) percent of voting members.
Clause 21: A **supplemental meeting** shall refer to any meeting called in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings of the ASCWI government.
Clause 22: **Veto** shall be to inhibit legislation from being forwarded to the Dean of Enrollment & Student Services with a request that the item be reviewed through the college governance structure. Internal rules and operational procedures established within this Constitution shall be exempted. Other rule changes shall be reviewed by the ASCWI Executive Branch and the Dean of Enrollment & Student Services.

Article XXII: Amendments

SECTION 1: