

# ASLCSC Constitution

## Preamble

**W**e 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

#### **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. 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 Relations Senator, Committees Senator, Justice Senator, Coeur d'Alene Senator, Career & Technical Education Senator, and two (2) General Senators. The duties and responsibilities of each office position are detailed in the ASLCSC Bylaws.

#### **Section II. Eligibility**

All members of the ASLCSC 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 officers 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 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 a minimum of 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 maintain the right to recall elected officials before their terms expire. 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 maintain 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 by an initiative or referendum shall require a majority vote in a General Election to be enacted.

## Article VI

### Stipends

#### **Section I. Eligibility**

Members of the ASLCSC Council shall be eligible to receive payments contingent upon meeting all 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 proportional to the time served. Members who replace resigned or removed members shall receive a prorated payment based on time they are in office.

## Article VII

### Ratification

This Constitution shall be proposed by a majority vote of the students in the General Election held in the Spring semester and ratified by a majority vote of the ASLCSC Senate at the first public meeting following the election. The election shall be conducted by the current ASLCSC Justice Senator. If the ASLCSC Constitution is ratified by the ASLCSC Council, all provisions shall take effect in the next Fall Semester. A copy of the ASLCSC Constitution shall be sent to the President of Lewis-Clark State College and the State Board of Education.