

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY OF PHILOMATH HIGH SCHOOL

Article 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Associated Student Body of Philomath High School.

Article 2: Membership

All registered students of Philomath High School shall be members of the student body.

Article 3: Officers

Section 1: Executive officers of the student body shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms, but offices may be added as seen fit. The office of President may be shared by two students.

Section 2: A person may hold an office for as many years as he/she is selected.

Article 4: Student Council

Section 1: The student body, through student council, shall have jurisdiction over all general student activities conducted under the auspices of Philomath High School.

Section 2: Members of the student council shall be the Executive Council and class officers.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the members of the student council to attend all the meetings whenever it is possible to do so. A member is automatically dropped from student council when he/she has three unexcused absences. No excuse is acceptable unless turned in to the President before the meeting.

Section 4: Committees will be appointed by the Executive Council if they are needed that year.

Section 5: The principal or his authorized representative shall be the advisor of the student council.

Section 6: Any person may attend ASB or student council meetings as a class representative, but may not vote.

Article 5: Executive Council

Section 1: The executive officers shall be the Associated Student Body President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, media systems, and Sergeant-at-Arms, but other offices may be added as seen fit. The executive officers will be selected and appointed for the following year by the President-elect with the exception of the Associated Student Body President. The office of President may be shared by two students. This position will be referred to in the remainder of this constitution as student body president.

Section 2: The President must be a junior or senior during his/her term of office.

Section 3: The ASB President shall not hold that office for more than two years.

Section 4: The executive officers shall, in the interim period between student council meetings, control and direct all student activities which are conducted under the auspices of Philomath High School.

Section 5: Members of the executive student council shall be the executive officers of the student body and the president of each class.

Section 6: The executive and student council shall meet at the call of the student body president.

Section 7: The advisor of the executive council shall be the principal or his authorized representative.

Article 6: Classes

- Section 1:** There shall be four class organizations: senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman.
- Section 2:** Each class shall have a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and sergeant-at-arms. Only the office of President may be shared by two students. It may elect any other officers as approved by the executive council.
- Section 3:** There shall be a head faculty advisor for each class on their various activities.

Article 7: Nominations and Elections

- Section 1:** The president of the Associated Student Body shall be elected by general election to be held no later than May 15th. Class officers shall be elected by general election to be held no later than May 31st.
- Section 2:** Nominations for the office of the Associated Student Body President shall be by petition only. A total of 52 signatures are required: fifty Philomath High School registered students for the following year, and two teachers' signatures. A student may only sign a single petition once. The candidate must achieve a 3.2 GPA and must be a sophomore or junior during the year of the election. The rest of the officers must have a GPA same as the athletic policy.
- Section 3:** Students who wish to run for a class office must gather twenty-five signatures from their classmates (not general student body) on a petition. In the case that there are no candidates for a particular class office, nominees may be appointed by the newly elected officers. Officers must have a GPA same as the athletic policy.
- Section 4:** A simple majority of registered votes within the respective organizations shall be required to elect the student body officers.
- Clause 1:** If there are more than three candidates for the office of the Associated Student Body President, a primary will be held two days prior to the general election.
- Clause 2:** If there is only one candidate that has submitted a petition for the office of the Associated Student Body President by the required posted deadline, no election or voting is required. The candidate shall assume the position of Student Body President. If there are no candidates for Student Body President, the principal may appoint students to fill the ASB positions.
- Clause 3:** If there is only one class officer candidate for a position that has submitted a petition by the required posted deadline, no election or voting is required. The candidate shall assume the position listed on their petition. If there are no candidates for a class office position, the principal may appoint a student for the position.
- Clause 4:** Election returns from each balloting along with the number of votes cast for each candidate shall be available upon request but shall not be posted.
- Section 5:** All details necessary to the administration of the general election shall be determined by the executive council and by election officials authorized by the student council.

Article 8: Power of Recall and Repeal

- Section 1:** Any student body officer may be recalled from office by a 2/3 vote of the student body after written charges have been lodged against him/her. These charges must be presented to him/her one week prior to a general student body assembly, at which he/she will be given an opportunity to defend himself/herself. The proposed recall shall be voted upon by secret ballot in a student body election.
- Section 2:** Any class officer or student council representative may be recalled by a 2/3 vote of the organization which he/she represents in a secret ballot election.

Section 3: Any action of the executive council or student council may be repealed or amended by a majority vote of the student body in general election. Any act repealed or amended as above may not again be enacted by the student council that year. Such an election shall be scheduled after a petition bearing a minimum of 100 signatures of members of the student body is presented to the student council.

Article 9: Jurisdiction

The student body constitution shall take precedence over any and all constitutions of other student organizations.

Article 10: Rules of Order

Robert's RULES OF ORDER shall apply in all cases of order not provided for in this constitution or bylaws.

Article 11: Source of Power

All rights and privileges herein delegated to the student body throughout the student council are delegated by the principal and may be withdrawn or increased at his/her discretion. He/she shall have the power to veto any action taken by the student council or executive council.

Article 12: Quorum

A quorum shall consist of 2/3 of the members of student council.

Article 13: Amendments

Section 1: Amendments to the constitution shall first be submitted to the executive council. This body shall recommend action to the student council, which may propose the amendment to the student body by a 2/3 vote. Amendments may also be directly proposed to the student body by a petition signed by 100 members of the registered student body.

Section 2: Amendments which have been proposed by either of the two methods listed in Section 1 of Article 13 may be ratified by a 2/3 vote of the student body in a secret ballot election.

Section 3: The student council may, by a 2/3 vote, amend the bylaws of this constitution.

Section 4: A proposed amendment to the constitution must be posted on a bulletin board in the main hall one week prior to the election.

Article 14: Court Eligibility

Section 1: Students shall be nominated to be on courts for the following occasions: Homecoming, Winter, and Prom. Other Courts may be added if the ASB desires.

Section 2: Students may not represent their classes on courts more than one time during their high school careers, with the exception of Prom Court their senior year. Once a student has been elected a queen or king of a court, they may not serve on any subsequent courts.

Section 3: Homecoming court will consist of two representatives from each class, excluding the Senior class, which will have four representatives. Winter court will consist of two representatives from each class excluding the Senior class, which will have four. Prom court will consist of ten senior representatives. (Inclusive language/format added by unanimous student council vote (per article 13, section 3) October, 2022)

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