



Associated Student Government

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MT. HOOD
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, we the students of Mt Hood Community College are vitally interested in our own educational, cultural, social and material welfare; and

WHEREAS, we revere Mt Hood Community College and desire that it be reputed in high esteem:

BE IT KNOWN THEREFORE, that we, the students of Mt Hood Community College do hereby sustain the following Constitution:

I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Associated Students of Mt Hood Community College (ASMHCC).

II. INTENTIONS

1. PROGRAMS

To encourage, support, and conduct programs for the educational, social, and material advancement of the members consistent with the goals, objectives, and standards of Mt Hood Community College and the Association.

2. COLLEGE REPRESENTATION

To insure that the Association is officially represented, as may be necessary or requested, on all official college bodies.

3. OTHER REPRESENTATION

To insure that the Association is officially represented in relations with non-college organizations as may be requested or necessary.

III. ACCOUNTABILITY

1. CHARTER

- A. The Association is chartered by the Board of Education of the College (Mt. Hood Community College District) and is responsible to that body through the President of the College for its acts and actions.
- B. Official recognition of the Association by the Board of Education of the College provides the Association with the power and opportunity to utilize the name of the College as an official part of its title and as an official part of the title of each chartered student group; it also provides the same groups the privilege to utilize College facilities.

2. PUBLIC BODY

The MHCC hereby sustains itself as a public body, and is therefore subject to all state and federal laws pertaining to the operation of public bodies.

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3. ASMHCC CODE OF ETHICS

All ASMHCC Officers shall abide by the ASMHCC code of ethics. Any non-elected officer that fails to adhere to the ASMHCC code of ethics will be sanctioned or removed from office.

4. RESPONSIBILITY OF SUBSIDIARY GROUPS

A. All organized student groups are responsible to the Association for their actions, and shall be required to obtain a charter from the Associated Student Government (ASG) via the recommendation of the Executive Council.

B. Clubs, organizations, and any other subsidiary group may receive recognition by petitioning the ASG for a charter.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three types of membership in the Association: Members, and Associated Members.

V. IDENTIFYING INSIGNIA

1. COLORS

The official colors of the Association shall be scarlet and white, with black or blue trim.

2. MASCOT

The official mascot of the Association shall be the St. Bernard.

3. NAMES

The official nickname of the Association groups shall be "The Saints".

4. GEM

The official gem of the Association shall be the red jasper.

5. FLOWER

The official flower of the Association shall be the white rhododendron.

6. SEAL

The official seal of the Association shall be the same as that of the College, modified to include "Associated Students."

7. LOGO

The official Logo of the Association shall be the responsibility of the ASG.

VI. ELECTIONS

The official elected officers of the Association shall be a President, and a Vice President.

1. ELECTION GUIDELINES

The official Election guidelines of this Constitution and the Association shall be the means whereby officers of the Association will be elected.

2. REFERENCE

The official election guidelines will be referenced in Article X of the Association By-Laws.

VII. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The body responsible for conducting the business of the Association shall be known as the Associated Student Government (ASG) of the ASMHCC, shall be constituted according to, and shall perform the duties prescribed in the By-Laws and of this Constitution.

1. ADVISORY COUNCILS TO ASG

Councils to the -ASG of the Association shall be known as the Student Organizations Council, and the Finance Council. These and any other ad-hoc councils shall be constituted according to and shall perform the duties prescribed in the By-Laws of this Constitution and the ASG shall convene, run, and dissolve councils as needed.

VIII. STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The primary body responsible for the planning and implementing student activities of the Association shall be known as the Student Activities of the ASMHCC and shall be constituted according to and shall perform duties as prescribed by the By-Laws of this Constitution.

IX. BY-LAWS

1. IMPLEMENTATION

The official By-Laws of this Constitution and the Association shall be the means whereby the precepts of this Constitution are implemented.

2. LEGISLATIVE INITIATION

Amendments to the By-Laws may originate from any member of the ASMHCC and must be co-authored and carried through the process by an ASG member. Upon a majority vote in the ASG, said amendment will be presented to the ASG President to sign. Upon a veto by the ASG President, the amendment along with objections or any recommendations will go back to the ASG for consideration. The ASG may override a veto on said amendment with a 2/3 vote. Once an amendment is approved, the amendment shall be entered in to the By-Laws.

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3. INITIATION BY PETITION

Any member has the right to petition for amendment through direct initiation by presenting to the ASG President the proposed initiative signed by ten percent the Association's current membership.

4. ADOPTION

Any By-Laws so proposed before the ASG will be incorporated in the By-Laws unless it receives a negative vote by the ASG, and should the negative vote occur, it may be referred to a vote of the Association on the majority recommendation of all Advisory Councils.

X. AMMENDMENTS

1. LEGISLATIVE INITIATION

Amendments to this Constitution may originate from any member of the ASMHCC and must be co-authored and carried through the process by a 2/3 ratification in the ASG, said amendment will be presented to the ASG President to sign. Upon a veto by the ASG President, the amendment along with objections or any recommendations will go back to the ASG for consideration. ASG may override a veto on said amendment with a unanimous vote. Once an amendment is approved, the ASG President shall present said amendment to the College President for acknowledgement. When the College President acknowledges the amendment, the ASG President shall submit said amendment to the Association for its action.

2. INITIATION BY PETITION

Any member has the right to petition for amendment through direct initiation by presenting to the ASG the proposed initiative signed by twenty-five percent the Association's Reimbursable Full-Time Equivalent membership.

3. RATIFICATION

The proposed amendment shall, after the College President has acknowledged, be posted and published for two weeks, then presented by ballot to the Association, where it must receive a majority of votes cast to become an Amendment to this Constitution.