

Constitution of the
Associated Student Body
of Gavilan College

PREAMBLE

The students of Gavilan Community College in order to promote and organize programs, services and student activities which stimulate the intellectual growth and empowerment of students, do hereby establish this Constitution and assume the responsibility of democratic self-government within the jurisdiction of the California Education Code, the Gavilan College Joint District Board of Trustees, and the laws of the State of California and the United States of America.

ARTICLE 1
Name

The organization shall be known as the Associated Student Body of Gavilan Community College, here and after referred to as the ASB or Association.

ARTICLE 2
Membership

- SECTION 1: Membership in the ASB is conferred upon all registered students. They vote in all the student body elections.
- SECTION 2: Voting membership in the ASB shall be determined by the Student Senate.
- SECTION 3: All ASB Officers and voting members of the Student Senate must be student body cardholders.
- SECTION 4: All benefits accorded student body cardholders will be published at least yearly by the VP of Communications, or designee, with the approval of the Student Senate.

ARTICLE 3
Officers (Elected)

- SECTION 1: The elected officers of ASB shall be the President; Student Trustee; Representative to the California Student Association of Community Colleges (CalSACC); Vice Presidents of Communications, Finance, Student Services, Records, Campus Clubs, and Events & Activities. These elected officers will be known as the Executive Cabinet.
- SECTION 2: The members of the Executive Cabinet shall be voting members of the Student Senate. The President may only vote in the case of a tie or secret ballot (in accordance with parliamentary procedure).
- SECTION 3: The President shall nominate a member of the Executive Cabinet to be the president pro tempore of the Student Senate and the Executive Cabinet.

SECTION 4: The CalSACC representative may nominate an assistant to be known as an alternate.

SECTION 5: The specific duties of the Executive Cabinet officers will be stipulated in the ASB By-laws.

ARTICLE 4 The Student Senate

SECTION 1: The voting members of the Student Senate shall include the members of the Executive Cabinet and senators-at-large.

SECTION 2: Voting membership will be determined by the Student Senate as stipulated in the ASB By-laws.

ARTICLE 5 Rules Of Order

Unless otherwise stated in these Constitution and By-laws, “The Modern Version of Robert’s Rules of Order” shall govern the procedures of ASB.

ARTICLE 6 Committees

The ASB shall establish or dissolve such boards, commissions, councils, and committees as may be necessary for the smooth functioning of ASB.

ARTICLE 7 By-laws and Amendments

The By-laws of this Constitution shall be the lawful means whereby the purpose and principles of the ASB shall be implemented.

SECTION 1: Amendments to the By-laws

Clause 1: By-laws must be enacted, rescinded or amended by two-thirds (2/3) favorable majority of the Student Senate or by a signed petition of five percent (5%) of the Association’s members (registered students) during the semester in which the petition was filed. Such proposals must be presented at two (2) meetings of the Student Senate prior to the meeting in which they are acted upon, and the proposals must have been adequately printed and posted in a campus publication.

Clause 2: Adoption of changes to the By-laws will become effective immediately following the two-thirds (2/3) favorable majority vote of the Student Senate, unless said change conflicts with the Constitution and/or state and local laws.

SECTION 2: Amendments to the Constitution

- Clause 1: Amendments to this Constitution shall be placed on the ballot at a general ASB election or in a special election, if necessary, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Student Senate or by a signed petition of ten percent (10%) of the Association's members (registered students) of the semester in which the petition is filed.
- Clause 2: Amendments to be submitted to the membership shall have first been adequately posted and shall have been printed in at least two consecutive issues of a campus publication, a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled election.
- Clause 3: Adoption of amendments to this Constitution shall require a two-thirds (2/3) favorable majority of those legal ballots cast in the scheduled election.

ARTICLE 8

Initiative, Referendum, Recall, and Removal

SECTION 1: Initiative, referendum, recall, and removal measures may be initiated by the Association's members (registered students) in the semester in which the petition is filed. The Executive Cabinet shall call a special election within three (3) weeks after the date the petition is filed. The notice of the recall election shall be posted two (2) weeks prior to the election.

SECTION 2: The decision to recall an elected officer will require a two-thirds (2/3) favorable majority in the recall election.

ARTICLE 9

Elections and Appointments

SECTION 1: Elections shall be held in accordance with the specific provision(s) of the By-laws of this Constitution.

SECTION 2: Appointments shall be filled in accordance with the specific provision(s) of the By-laws.

Approved by the general student body, April 1992

Amended by the general student body election, April 1995