

CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT SENATE FOR CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE

PREAMBLE

We the Student Senate of Crafton Hills Community College do provide by this constitution a student government committed to the effective participation in all areas of student concern. That we may through independent action participate in the formation and improvement of educational programs, protect full freedom of assembly and expression in the college community; articulate and represent the student interest in the governance of the campus. We also wish to provide services and coordinate activities for students and advance our common interests and concerns as students and citizens. We do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I - Oath of Office

All office holders of the ASCHC Student Senate shall recite the following oath of office in a public ceremony. This oath of office shall be administered by the Vice President of Student Services or designated administrator.

I, (State your name), Do hereby swear to adhere and uphold the Constitution and By-laws of the Associated Students of Crafton Hills College, The State of California and the Constitution of the United States of America. I understand that by doing so I am to conduct myself in accordance with these documents and promote through example the principles instilled in them. I swear to promote the issues and concerns of all students, to cooperate with the constituencies of this college, coordinate activities for the entire ASCHC, and provide service to the Crafton Hills College community.

ARTICLE II – By-laws

SECTION I:

The Student Senate shall have the power to determine rules and regulations which shall be called By-laws.

SECTION II:

To pass or rescind a By-law shall require a two-thirds vote of quorum of the Student Senate.

SECTION III:

By-laws shall become effective after being publicized to the ASCHC for a period of ten working days.

ARTICLE III – Amendments to the Constitution

SECTION I- Initiative:

Any member of the ASCHC may initiate amendments to the Student Senate Constitution by bringing forth a petition with a written statement outlining the proposed amendment(s), along with the reasons for the proposal. The petition must have the signatures and student identification numbers (student I.D. numbers) of at least ten (10) percent of the current enrollment. Upon determination of the validity of the signatures the Student Senate will either set forth to adopt the measure or set up a special election within ten (10) school days. A majority of votes cast in favor of the proposed change shall be cause for the Student Senate to enact and adopt the initiative.

SECTION II- Referendum:

This Constitution may be amended by a simple majority of the ASCHC who vote in favor of a constitutional amendment at a campus-wide general election, providing:

- A. The amendment is provided by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of quorum of the Student Senate and subsequently
- B. A simple majority of the ASCHC requests such an amendment by a signed petition.

SECTION III:

Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be posted on campus in at least three (3) different areas for at least (3) school days before the submission to the ASCHC for adoption in a special or general election.

SECTION IV:

A revised Constitution shall become effective after being publicized to the ASCHC for a period of ten (10) days.

ARTICLE IV- Budget:

SECTION I:

The Student Senate shall adopt a working budget in the beginning of each academic year.

SECTION II:

Money will be allocated to clubs at the discretion of the Student Senate. If the Student Senate allocates monies, it shall be used for club activities on campus that are considered beneficial to the general student body. The granting of such funds falls under the jurisdiction of the Inter-Club Council officer, who shall seek the consent of the Student Senate. In the event that the office of the Inter-Club council is vacant, members of the specific clubs requesting Student Senate funds must come forth and present a proposal stating the reasons, purposes, and benefits of such funds. Regulations and requirements for the manner in which this money is to be distributed and used shall be stated by the Student Senate.

ARTICLE V – Bill of Rights

SECTION I – Due Process and Equal Protection:

The Student Senate shall not deprive any person of due process of law, nor shall the Student Senate deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

SECTION II – Freedom of Expression:

The Student Senate shall make no law promoting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, and to petition the Student Senate for a redress of grievances.

SECTION III – Freedom of Information:

All official Student Senate documents records, and other written and recorded information, with the exception of that involving personnel, litigation, or pending investment matters, shall be made accessible to the public upon request. The Student Senate must furnish copies the requested information to interested students without undue delay, and may not charge above cost for doing so.

SECTION IV – Rights Not Enumerated:

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to or disparage other rights retained by the students of Crafton Hills College.

ARTICLE VI – Interpretation

All questions of interpretation of this Constitution shall be decided by upon consultation and advice from any of the following: political science instructors, the political science department, social sciences, humanities or any closely related department, or a practicing attorney. Any advisor of Crafton Hills College shall be deemed appropriate for consultation by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Student Senate.

ARTICLE VII – Dissolution

The assets of the Student Senate constitute a continuing trust for the benefit of the students at Crafton Hills College. In the event of dissolution of the Student Senate for whatever reason, the assets, after payment or adequate provision for payment of all outstanding debts and obligations of the Student Senate, shall be transferred to a nonprofit trust fund for the students of the ASCHC.