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**The Constitution of the Associated Students of Western Oregon University
(Ratified 2015)**

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Preamble

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We, the students of Western Oregon University, in order to form an association to protect and advance the interests of the students of the university, do establish this Constitution and authorize the Student Government of the association thus formed, to represent the students of Western Oregon University in the formation and application of institutional policies affecting both academic and student affairs. The Associated Students of Western Oregon University will work to protect student rights, enrich student life, and improve both Western Oregon University and Western Oregon University's image in the local community, the state, and the nation.

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Article I

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1. The Student Body of Western Oregon University shall be known as the Associated Students of Western Oregon University (ASWOU).
 - a. All students who have enrolled in Western Oregon University, and have subsequently paid incidental fees to Western Oregon University are constituent members of ASWOU.
 - b. The governing body of ASWOU shall be known as the Associated Students of Western Oregon University (ASWOU).
 - c. The ASWOU is composed of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches.
 - i. The ASWOU shall follow the rules and regulations in the Constitution and in the created Bylaws of ASWOU.
2. The members of the ASWOU have several rights under this Constitution, and the ASWOU shall protect and defend the rights explicated in this section, and may in its discretion expand upon, but never shall detract from or abridge, those rights.

- 104 a. Each student shall have all rights granted by this Constitution, and/or laws of the
105 State of Oregon, and/or the United States, and/or Western Oregon University.
106 i. No student shall be deprived of liberty or property without due process of
107 law.
108 ii. No student shall be denied the equal protection of the law.
109 iii. Every member of the ASWOU may speak, write, and publish freely, to the
110 full extent guaranteed to citizens by the Constitution of both the State of
111 Oregon and the United States.
112 iv. Each member of the ASWOU has the rights to be free from discrimination
113 inclusive of, but not limited to, the following areas: race, color, national
114 ancestry, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender
115 expression, sex, age, and individuals with mental and/or physical
116 disabilities.
- 117 b. In any hearing required or permitted by this Constitution:
118 i. Each student has the right to appear and be heard.
119 ii. Each student has the right to demand the nature and cause of any
120 accusation, and to have a copy thereof sufficiently far in advance of any
121 hearing hereon to reasonably enable the presentation of a defense or a
122 response.
123 iii. Each student has the right to meet each witness face to face, and to compel
124 the attendance of witnesses on that student's behalf.
125 iv. No student may be compelled to give evidence against them self, nor
126 twice be put in jeopardy by the same body for the same alleged offence.
- 127 3. There is created three branches within ASWOU: The Legislative (Senate), Executive, and
128 Judicial. No branch shall exercise powers expressly granted to another by the ASWOU
129 Constitution and/or Bylaws.
130 a. Powers will only be given through this Constitution.

131 **Article II**

- 132 1. There is created a Student Senate.
133 2. All legislative powers herein shall be vested in the ASWOU Student Senate.
134 a. The ASWOU Senate serves as a deliberative forum for policy information.
135 b. The ASWOU Senate will serve as a policymaking authority within the ASWOU.
136 c. Any and all Presidential appointments within the ASWOU Government are
137 subject to a simple majority approval of the ASWOU Senate. All appointees that
138 require Senate approval shall not be compensated until they take an Oath of
139 Office after receiving Senate confirmation of their approval.
140 i. Any appointee, who leaves their appointed position, either voluntarily or
141 involuntarily, must be reconfirmed by the Senate prior to accepting any

- 142 position that would normally require Senate confirmation under the
143 Constitution.
- 144 3. ASWOU Senate meetings shall be presided over by the Senate President.
- 145 a. The Senate President will be elected at large by the student body during the
146 ASWOU Elections.
- 147 b. The Senate President has the power to establish committees, provided the Senate
148 may, by two-thirds vote, disapprove of such committee(s).
- 149 c. The Senate President shall assume office upon formal administration of an oath of
150 office by the Judicial Administrator.
- 151 4. Additionally, the Senate President has the following powers:
- 152 a. The establishment of meeting times and places, subject to simple majority
153 approval by the Senate.
- 154 b. To call extraordinary meetings of the Senate, if necessary.
- 155 c. To vote in the event of a tie amongst the Senate Body.
- 156 d. To plan and implement the legislative agenda of the Senate.
- 157 e. To call Senate Sessions to order.
- 158 f. To preside over the Senate, choosing which Members to recognize during floor
159 debate and ruling on points of order and maintaining decorum.
- 160 g. To declare the outcome of votes and announce the results of recorded votes within
161 Senate meetings.
- 162 h. To refer legislation to a committee(s), and set deadlines for committee action.
- 163 i. To serve as the University spokesperson of the ASWOU Senate.
- 164 j. To exercise administrative control over the operations and internal resources of
165 the Senate.
- 166 k. Signing bills that are to be presented to the ASWOU President for signing.
- 167 5. In order for Senate to serve as both a deliberative forum for policy information, and as a
168 policymaking authority within ASWOU, the Senate is granted the following powers:
- 169 a. To secure the protection of student rights, interests, and free expressions.
- 170 b. To promote the preservation of academic freedom and responsibility.
- 171 c. To charter independent enterprises as deemed appropriate under University
172 policy.
- 173 d. To enter into agreements which promote the fulfillment of the provisions of this
174 Constitution.
- 175 e. To establish all councils, commissions, boards, and agencies of ASWOU.
- 176 f. To call upon the ASWOU President to appear before the Senate as long as the
177 Senate gives a twenty-four hour notice to the ASWOU President.
- 178 g. To review, advise, and consent to the establishment of newly created Executive
179 departments and elements thereof including position descriptions
- 180 h. To investigate and act in any matter which affects and promotes the general
181 welfare of the student body of Western Oregon University or elements thereof.

- 182 i. To act upon any other area which the University may delegate.
183 j. To make any enactment that shall be necessary and proper for executing the
184 aforementioned powers, as well as all other powers vested by this Constitution in
185 the ASWOU.
186 k. Senate constitutional amendments must also be approved by the student body.
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188 **Article III**

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- 190 1. The executive power of the ASWOU shall be vested in a president of the ASWOU.
191 a. The President is elected at large by the student body during the ASWOU
192 Elections.
193 b. The President shall assume office upon formal administration of an oath of office
194 by the Judicial Administrator.
- 195 2. The ASWOU Executive branch shall have the powers necessary and proper to fulfill their
196 duties and the mandates of the ASWOU Senate. The President of ASWOU will act as
197 chief executive officer of the ASWOU, spokesperson for the student body, and fulfill the
198 requirements of that office as required by the University.
199 a. The President shall have the full power to:
200 i. Support and uphold this Constitution.
201 ii. Execute the legislation of the Senate.
202 iii. Uphold the decisions of the Judicial Board.
203 iv. Appoint student representatives to boards, councils, and committees of the
204 University, both standing and special, established by any element of the
205 University administration to perform functions of governance over the
206 affairs of Western Oregon University.
207 v. Appoint all committees, councils, commissions, boards, agencies, and
208 other offices of the ASWOU with the advice and consent of the ASWOU
209 Senate.
210 vi. Make any and all other appointments with the advice and consent of the
211 Senate.
212 vii. Create other executive departments, and may dissolve any department
213 previously created, excluding those specifically mandated by this
214 Constitution.
215 viii. Call the ASWOU Senate into emergency session when necessary,
216 provided that a twenty-four hour notice be given.
217 ix. The President may also investigate specified matters as current situations
218 demand, and act in other such areas not provided herein that the Senate
219 may establish.
- 220 3. Executive department directors, the President, and the Vice President comprise the
221 ASWOU Executive Cabinet. The Executive Cabinet shall act to advise and assist the

- 222 President in all matters that may be necessary and appropriate in the fulfillment of the
223 President's duties and of the Constitution, and shall act in any such matter that the
224 President may so delegate.
- 225 4. The ASWOU Vice President shall perform any Executive duties assigned by the
226 ASWOU President. In the case of incapacitation of the ASWOU President, full Executive
227 power and authority shall be vested in the ASWOU Vice President as permitted by the
228 Constitution.
- 229 a. The Vice President shall be elected at large by the student body during the
230 ASWOU Elections.
- 231 b. The Vice President ballot shall be separate from the President ballot during the
232 elections.
- 233 c. The Vice President shall assume office upon a formal administration of an oath of
234 office by the Judicial Administrator.
- 235 5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Constitution or any Senate law, the
236 President shall be an *ex-officio* member of any such Executive department created or
237 existing under the Constitution.
- 238 6. The ASWOU President, or Vice President in case of Presidential incapacitation, has the
239 power to issue Executive Orders.
- 240 a. An Executive Order may:
- 241 i. Act to clarify a policy or law.
- 242 ii. Act to further a policy or law put forth by the ASWOU Senate.
- 243 iii. Act to direct Executive committees.
- 244 iv. Act to direct Executive Cabinet members.
- 245 b. An Executive Order may not:
- 246 i. Attempt to make or create a policy or law.
- 247 ii. Be used to petition for a new policy or law.
- 248 iii. Conflict with any Senate legislation or action.
- 249 iv. Violate any section of the ASWOU Constitution or ASWOU Bylaws.
- 250 v. Be used for any other purpose not specifically outlined within this section.

251 **Article IV**

- 252 1. There is created a Judicial Board.
- 253 2. The interpretive powers of all policies, laws, and executive orders created by the
254 ASWOU shall be vested in the Judicial Board.
- 255 a. The Judicial Board members shall be referred to as Justices.
- 256 b. All Justices will serve for only one academic year unless they are reappointed
257 and/or re-elected.
- 258 c. Each Justice shall assume office upon formal administration of an oath of office
259 by the Judicial Administrator.

- 260 d. The Justices shall be ineligible to serve in any other elective or non-elective office
261 of the ASWOU as long as they serve on the Judicial Board.
- 262 3. The judicial authority of the ASWOU will include the power of judicial review and
263 fulfilling the requirements of the University judicial process.
- 264 a. The interpretive power of the Judicial Board shall extend to all cases upon the
265 appeal under the Constitution and the Bylaws of the ASWOU, which require
266 interpretation as it applies to the Student Association and all elements thereof.
- 267 4. ASWOU Judicial meetings shall be presided over by the Judicial Administrator.
- 268 a. The Chair of the Judicial Board shall be referred to as the Judicial Administrator.
- 269 b. The Judicial Administrator shall be elected at large by the student body during the
270 ASWOU Elections.
- 271 5. The Judicial Administrator shall assume office upon formal administration of an oath of
272 office by the highest-ranking Judicial Board member.
- 273 6. The Judicial Administrator's role is to be an impartial facilitator of all meetings and
274 hearings.
- 275 a. The Judicial Administrator is responsible for adhering to enacted election
276 policies.
- 277 7. The Judicial Administrator has the following powers:
- 278 a. The establishment of Judicial Board meeting times and places, subject to simple
279 approval by the Judicial Board.
- 280 b. To call extraordinary meetings of the Judicial Board, if necessary.
- 281 c. To vote in the event of a tie amongst Justices.
- 282 d. The power to make spelling and other grammatical changes to the ASWOU
283 Constitution and Bylaws.
- 284 i. Any question or concern with changes to the ASWOU Bylaws or
285 Constitution can be referred to the Judicial Board.
- 286 ii. If three-fifths of the Judicial Board vote against the change, then it will
287 revert to the way that it was before the change was implemented, and the
288 change will not go into effect.
- 289 iii. Any changes to be made to the ASWOU Governing Documents shall be
290 announced to all ASWOU Branches before the change is made.
- 291 e. To plan and implement the judicial agenda of the Judicial Board.
- 292 f. To call judicial sessions to order.
- 293 g. Choosing which members to recognize during floor debate, and ruling on points
294 of order and maintaining decorum within Judicial Board meetings.
- 295 h. To declare the outcome of votes, and announce the results of recorded votes
296 within Judicial Board meetings.
- 297 i. To serve as the University spokesperson of the ASWOU Judicial Board.
- 298 j. To exercise administrative control over the operations and internal resources of
299 the Judicial Board.

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Article V

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1. An election shall require at least ten percent of the ASWOU membership casting valid votes. Elections shall include, but are not limited to, general elections, special elections, recalls, and referendums.

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a. There shall be one general election (covering all elective positions created by this Constitution or any Senate Law) each school year.

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b. Every ASWOU member that is registered for 6 credits or more is eligible to be elected to or appointed to office, except as otherwise restricted in this Constitution.

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c. During Inauguration, the highest-ranking member of the Judicial Board must swear in the newly elected officers to transfer the powers and duties from the outgoing administration. The Judicial Board shall be in charge of planning an Inauguration for the purpose of swearing in newly elected ASWOU officers, and should include a formal oath of office.

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d. The Inauguration should take place Spring Term on the Monday of dead week.

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e. The current ASWOU elected and appointed officers whose term is ending will leave office immediately following Inauguration, and the newly elected officers will assume full powers of the office.

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f. All paid ASWOU members, excluding the President will be paid from September 15th of the year they are elected to the following June 15th, and the President will be paid from June 15th of the year they are elected to the following June 15th.

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g. The President and Vice President have the power to hire an executive cabinet before Inauguration.

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h. The current Judicial Administrator will be in charge of calling all write-in candidates for all positions.

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Article VI

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1. The ASWOU President, ASWOU Vice President, members of the ASWOU Senate, including the Senate President, and members of the Judicial Board, including the Judicial Administrator, may be removed from office for failure to execute their duties of office, or gross violation of the ASWOU Oath of Office, and/or ASWOU policies, and/or University policies, and/or regulations.

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a. Any member(s) of the ASWOU may circulate a petition requesting a recall election. Such petition must state the name of the officer to be recalled, the office held, and the reason for recall.

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i. In order to initiate a recall election, such petition must have valid signatures from ten percent of the ASWOU membership.

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1. The Judicial Board must validate said petition within five working days upon receipt as described in the following:
 - a. The Judicial Board must hold an election within two weeks after receiving a valid petition.
 - b. The officer shall be removed from office if a majority of the valid votes cast are affirmative for recall.
 - c. A recall election must adhere to current ASWOU Election Policies.
 - b. Any members of the ASWOU may circulate a petition requesting a referendum or initiative. Such petition must state the referendum or initiative, and the reasons for requesting such. A referendum enables the ASWOU members to vote down or change a law or policy created by the legislature. An initiative enables ASWOU members to create a new law.
 - i. In order to initiate a vote, such petition must have valid signatures from ten percent of the ASWOU membership.
 1. The Judicial Board must validate the said petition within five working days upon its receipt.
 - ii. The Judicial Board must hold an election within two weeks after receiving a valid petition.
 - iii. The referendum or initiative shall become law if a majority of the votes are cast as affirmative.
 - c. This process will adhere to the ASWOU Election Policies outlined in Article 6 of the ASWOU Bylaws.
2. The Senate will have the sole power of Impeachment, and the Judicial Board shall have the sole power to try and uphold all Impeachments with a three-fifths vote. Judgment in cases of Impeachment shall not extend further than removal of office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor. The impeached party shall nevertheless be subject to subsequent hearings or sanctions according to University Policy.
 - a. Any member of the Senate may present formal charges against an ASWOU officer through legislation.
 - i. Upon formal presentation of the charges, they shall be referred to a specially convened Senate Impeachment Committee for investigation.
 - ii. The Impeachment Committee shall make a complete written report and a recommendation to Senate within two weeks.
 - iii. If the Senate proceeds with Impeachment, the Senate President, or the Judicial Administrator in case of Impeachment of the Senate President, shall preside at a special meeting in which it will be presented to and voted on by the Senate.
 - iv. Conviction and removal from office shall be three-fourths vote of Senate members present.

- 377 1. If the vote of Impeachment passes in the Senate, then it will be sent
378 to the Judicial Board. If the Judicial Board upholds the decision of
379 Impeachment with a three-fifths vote, then the impeached party
380 will be immediately removed from office and their successor will
381 assume their responsibilities.
- 382 b. A call for Impeachment may also be initiated in the Senate by a Vote of No
383 Confidence. If the Vote of No Confidence passes with a simple majority of the
384 members present, then the Impeachment Committee shall be convened.
- 385 i. The Impeachment Committee shall make a complete report and a
386 recommendation to Senate within two weeks.
- 387 ii. If the Senate proceeds with Impeachment, the Senate President, or the
388 Judicial Administrator in case of the Impeachment of the Senate President,
389 shall preside at a special meeting in which it will be presented to and voted
390 on by the Senate.
- 391 iii. Conviction and removal from office shall be three-fourths vote of Senate
392 members present.
- 393 1. If the vote of Impeachment passes in the Senate, then it will be sent
394 to the Judicial Board. If the Judicial Board upholds the decision of
395 Impeachment with a three-fifths vote, then the impeached party
396 will be immediately removed from office and their successor will
397 assume their responsibilities.

398 **Article VII**

- 399 1. There is hereby created an Incidental Fee Committee (IFC). The IFC shall meet as
400 necessary to allocate student fees to campus organizations.
- 401 2. The IFC shall be governed by the ASWOU Constitution and Bylaws. The IFC may also
402 create for itself bylaws, but no part of the IFC Bylaws may conflict with any part of the
403 ASWOU Constitution or Bylaws.
- 404 3. The rules of procedure contained in the most recent edition of Robert's rules of Order
405 shall govern the Incidental Fee Committee and all of its committees in all cases in which
406 they are applicable and consistent with the laws of the State of Oregon, ASWOU
407 Governing Documents, and IFC Bylaws. The ASWOU Senate President or their
408 representative shall serve as the parliamentarian for the IFC. If the Senate President is
409 absent and has not appointed a representative, the IFC Chair may appoint a temporary
410 parliamentarian.

411 **Article VIII**

- 412 1. This Constitution shall be adopted upon the affirmative two-thirds vote of the ASWOU in
413 the general election and shall enter into full force and effect after the 2014 ASWOU

414 Elections, superseding any and all governing documents and instruments existing prior to
415 that date.

416 2. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Senate, with concurrence
417 by two-thirds of the valid votes cast in a valid ASWOU Election.

418 3. The Constitution may be directly amended by the Senate, providing that there is no
419 objection to adoption of the amendment by a present member of the Senate. Should there
420 be such an objection, the adoption shall follow standard procedures. The resolution for
421 amendment may also specify that an election must be held for its adoption, regardless of
422 if it passes the Senate without objection. Should the Senate directly amend the
423 Constitution, any member(s) of the ASWOU student body may circulate a petition
424 requesting a referendum, further discuss in Article VI of the ASWOU Constitution,
425 reversing the amendment. Any Senate Resolution amending the constitution by
426 unanimous consent of the Senate must be signed by the ASWOU president. Any
427 member(s) of the ASWOU student body may also object to passage of the resolution for
428 amendment when the resolution is presented to the Senate or by the next meeting of the
429 Senate immediately after the resolution's passage; should this occur, the amendment must
430 be approved by the ASWOU student body in an election. An objection is valid if the
431 student contacts any member of the Senate in writing to express the objection or appears
432 before the Senate at a meeting of the Senate to object. The Senate may not directly amend
433 the Constitution to wholly remove or significantly impede the right of an ASWOU
434 member to request a referendum. The Senate shall conduct sufficient outreach to students
435 when considering a direct amendment to the Constitution by tabling and using ASWOU
436 media. The legislation adoption timeline for Senate Resolutions which amend the
437 Constitution may not be suspended.



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2 **The Bylaws of the Associated Students of Western Oregon University**

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4 **PREAMBLE**

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6 **WHEREIN**, The Articles of the Constitution for the Associated Students of Western Oregon
7 University require clarification and direction, and **WHEREAS**, The Articles of the Constitution
8 for the Associated Students of Western Oregon University require regulation and delineation: **BE**
9 **IT KNOWN THEREFORE**, that we, the members of the Associated Students of Western
10 Oregon University, do hereby sustain the following Bylaws.

11 **ARTICLE I – RECOGNITION**

- 12 1. There is created three branches within the Associated Students of Western Oregon
13 University (ASWOU): the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial. No branch shall exercise
14 powers expressly granted to another by the ASWOU Constitution.
- 15 a. No student may attain multiple positions within the ASWOU Government
16 whether the positions are paid, volunteer, elected, appointed, or internships,
17 excluding active members of ASWOU Student Organizations, and the ASWOU
18 Elections Committee.
- 19 b. If an ASWOU Government member is appointed or elected to another position
20 within the ASWOU Government, then that member must resign from their current
21 position prior to accepting the new position.
- 22 2. The rules of procedure contained in the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order
23 shall govern the ASWOU Government and all of its boards and committees in all cases in
24 which they are applicable and consistent with the laws of the State of Oregon, these
25 Bylaws, and other duly established rules and policies of the ASWOU Government. The
26 ASWOU Senate President shall be the parliamentarian in all meetings at which they are
27 present and are not otherwise voting. If the Senate President is absent, the committee
28 chair may appoint a temporary parliamentarian. The Senate President may also delegate

29 this authority as they see fit, provided that they are not absent. If the Judicial
30 Administrator is serving as parliamentarian, they may not give a binding ruling; if serving
31 as parliamentarian, the Judicial Administrator must also state to the meeting prior to
32 offering any guidance that they may not give a binding ruling.

33 **ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP**

34 **1. ELIGIBILITY OF ASWOU GOVERNMENT MEMBER:**

- 35 a. All ASWOU Government members shall be in good judicial standing with WOU.
36 They must also maintain at least a 2.25 GPA, both cumulatively and per term that
37 they are part of the ASWOU Government. Should they fail to maintain this
38 academic standing, then they shall be in a one-term probation period. If they are
39 not in good academic standing after the probationary period, they are to be
40 automatically removed from office.
- 41 b. All paid ASWOU Government members shall be Safezone trained through Safe
42 Zone at Western Oregon University within the first full academic term of their
43 paid employment. In the event a paid ASWOU Government member does not
44 complete Safezone training within the first full academic term of their paid
45 employment, a five-week probationary period shall be in effect. Within the first
46 five weeks of the following term, the ASWOU Government member must
47 complete Safezone training or be automatically removed from office.

48 **ARTICLE III – EXECUTIVE**

49 **1. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND CABINET POSITIONS:**

- 50 a. Creation of new Executive Cabinet positions requires the President to petition the
51 ASWOU Senate for review, advice, and consent. The President's request that the
52 Senate approve the creation of a new Executive Cabinet position must include, at
53 minimum, a proposed job description and the related submission to the IFC (if
54 required). Should the Senate approve of the creation, the President shall have
55 appointment power as granted in these Bylaws. Should the Senate deny the
56 creation, the Senate President shall have three business days to provide a written
57 explanation of the Senate's decision to the President. The President may then
58 repetition the Senate for approval of the cabinet position as many times as the
59 Senate President deems reasonable, provided that the President has changed their
60 petition each time to address the Senate's objections. The Senate may overrule the
61 Senate President's decision to deny the repetition by a two-thirds majority vote.
62 The Senate may dissolve or alter these positions, including their title and job
63 description, by duly passed legislation, or at the request of the President by a two-
64 thirds vote.
- 65 i. Upon Senate approval, Executive Cabinet positions are to be listed here,
66 with new positions being listed at the end. Should any position(s) be
67 dissolved or their titles altered, the list is to be adjusted accordingly by the

Judicial Administrator. Current cabinet positions are: Chief of Staff, Director of Business and Finance, Director of Equity, Director of Multicultural Advocacy, Director of Public Relations, Director of State and Federal Affairs, Director of Student Organizations, Director of Visual Communications, Recording Secretary.

2. PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS:

- a. The President may appoint their cabinet members, liaisons to other organizations, and any other positions mandated by the ASWOU governing documents or Western Oregon University. Any and all appointments within the ASWOU Government are subject to a two-thirds majority approval of the Senate. The President must make a good faith effort to nominate a candidate for each cabinet position in which there is a vacancy. All appointments are only valid for the duration of the academic year, or the remainder of the academic year if the appointment is made mid-year, prior to the regularly scheduled inauguration. The Senate may remove an appointee from office by a two-thirds majority vote; if this occurs, the Senate President must inform the President, within 24 hours, of the Senate's action and rationale. At their discretion, the President may also remove their appointees from office, save for Judicial appointments. While the President maintains the right to remove their appointees for any reason they see fit, including but not limited to neglect of duties or determination that they are no longer worthy of service, the terminated appointee may appeal their termination to the Senate. As presidential appointees serve at the pleasure of the president, the grounds for appeal must be reviewed under the strictest of scrutiny, but the Senate may, by a three-fourths vote and after careful consideration, determine that the President acted in a manner constituting gross misconduct when they fired the appointee. By determining this, the Senate will then vote at its next meeting on the question of removing the President from office. Should this pass, it will then go to the Judicial Board for consideration as outlined in the governing documents. Any discussion surrounding issues of an identified employee's actions must be held in executive session in which no party beyond the members of the Senate, the President and Vice President, the employee in question, ASWOU advisors, and other parties mandated by law or ASWOU or WOU policy are permitted to remain. Any discussion during this time is to remain strictly confidential between the parties involved.
- b. Upon the President nominating their appointee to the Senate, the Senate may by a majority vote approve the nominee for work on a temporary basis of no less than a week, renewable indefinitely. After the first temporary approval period has completed, the Senate may consider the nominee for permanent approval. No appointee may assume office and the associated duties prior to approval and taking the oath of office administered by a member of the Judicial Board. Should

108 the Senate reject the nominee, the Senate President is to submit to the President
109 the Senate's rationale within three business days. The President may request the
110 Senate's reconsideration of the nominee at the next regularly scheduled meeting
111 of the Senate. Should the nominee again be rejected, the President must nominate
112 another candidate.

- 113 c. Should the President nominate a cabinet appointee between their inauguration
114 following the general election and the Senate's first meeting of fall term and wish
115 for them to begin working prior to the Senate's first meeting of fall term, the
116 Senate President shall have the ability to confirm the nominee for a term of work
117 not to extend past the Senate's first regularly scheduled meeting of fall term.
118 Should an appointee resign during a period when the Senate will not have a
119 regularly scheduled meeting for more than three weeks, the Senate President shall
120 also have the ability to confirm the nominee for a term of work not to extend past
121 the Senate's next regularly scheduled meeting.

122 **3. EXECUTIVE ORDERS:**

- 123 a. Within twenty-four hours of their issuance, all Executive Orders must be
124 transmitted to both the Senate and the Judicial Board; Executive Orders not
125 transmitted within this timeframe are null and void. All Executive Orders are to
126 be reviewed by the Senate at its meeting following the issuance of the Executive
127 Order(s). By a two-thirds vote, the Senate may overturn any Executive Order(s);
128 should the Senate take this action, the Senate President is to notify the President
129 of the Senate's action and the rationale for its decision within twenty-four hours.
130 All Executive Orders are also to be reviewed by the Judicial Board at its meeting
131 following the issuance of the Executive Order(s) to ensure strict compliance with
132 the explicit permissions and prohibitions on Executive Orders as stated in Article
133 III, Section 6 of the Constitution. By a majority vote, the Judicial Board may also
134 overturn an Executive Order on the grounds it violates the Constitution; should
135 the Judicial Board take this action, the Judicial Administrator is to notify the
136 President of the Judicial Board's action and the rationale for its decision within
137 twenty-four hours.

138 **4. INCAPACITATION:**

- 139 a. If a dispute arises about an incapacitation of the President, then the following
140 action shall take place:
- 141 i. The Senate and Judicial Board shall convene as separate bodies and vote
142 to determine if the President is incapacitated.
 - 143 ii. If a two-thirds majority of the Senate, and then a simple majority of the
144 Judicial Board vote in agreement that the President is incapacitated and
145 unable to carry out the President's duties, then the successor will
146 immediately assume the powers and duties of the President.

- 147 iii. If the President is incapacitated, then the line of succession shall be
148 followed.
149 b. If a dispute arises about incapacitation of the Vice President, then the procedures
150 stated for the incapacitation of the President shall be followed and applied to the
151 Vice President.

152 **5. THE ASWOU BUDGET:**

- 153 a. The ASWOU Budget and accompanying enhancement requests must be presented
154 to and approved by the Senate prior to their submission to the IFC. This
155 presentation should occur enough in advance of the IFC timeline so that the
156 Senate may thoroughly deliberate and make adjustments. The ASWOU Budget
157 may not be submitted to the IFC without Senate approval.
- 158 i. Should the Senate not approve the ASWOU Budget, they must provide the
159 President with their rationale in writing within three business days. The
160 President may repetition the Senate for approval of the ASWOU Budget if
161 they believe they have sufficiently adjusted the ASWOU Budget to
162 comply with the Senate’s rationale.
- 163 ii. To repetition to the Senate, the President is to send a revised budget
164 highlighting the changes they made to the Senate at least one day prior to
165 the meeting in which they will repetition the Senate for approval.
- 166 b. At times when the Senate has more than 10 Senators, the Senate President shall
167 form a Committee on Rules consisting of three members tasked with reviewing
168 and making recommendations, as needed to legislation after the Budget’s first
169 reading in the Senate.
- 170 c. Should ASWOU receive less funding than requested from the IFC, excluding
171 enhancement requests, then the Director of Business and Finance shall prepare a
172 recommended budget for the Senate’s consideration and approval no less than
173 five weeks prior to the Senate’s scheduled adjournment sine die for the summer.
- 174 d. Should the President wish to adjust the ASWOU Budget during the academic year
175 for which it has already been approved, they may do so by no greater than \$500
176 and potentially subject to the review and consent of the Senate. Should the desired
177 adjustment exceed \$500, the President must request and receive the consent of the
178 Senate. Should the Senate reject the President’s request, they must provide the
179 President with their rationale in writing within three business days. The President
180 may repetition the Senate for the adjustment if they believe they have sufficiently
181 adjusted their request to comply with the Senate’s rationale.
- 182 i. Should the Senate reject the President’s request, they must provide the
183 President with their rationale in writing within three business days. The
184 President may repetition the Senate for the adjustment if they believe they
185 have sufficiently adjusted their request to comply with the Senate’s
186 rationale

187 e. The Executive Branch shall present the current year’s approved budget to the
188 Senate within the first five weeks of the Senate meeting in fall term. The purpose
189 of the presentation, while requiring no approval, is to represent to the Senate that
190 student fees are being and will be used responsibly and beneficently.

191 **6. LINE OF SUCCESSION:**

- 192 a. In the event that the incumbent president vacates office or is unable to serve, the
193 line of succession is as follows: Vice President, Senate President, Judicial
194 Administrator, Chief of Staff, Director of Student Organizations, Director of
195 Business and Finance, Director of State and Federal Affairs, Director of Public
196 Relations, Director of Equity, Director of Multicultural Advocacy, Director of
197 Visual Communication.
- 198 b. If the Vice President accepts the position of President, a special election shall be
199 initiated posthaste to fill the Vice Presidency. The person most immediately in the
200 line of succession may decline to serve. Prior to a person in the line of succession
201 taking office on a permanent basis, the Senate may vote by a two-thirds majority
202 to declare the person incapable of serving as president and prevent them from
203 serving. The Senate may only do this in extreme cases where the Acting President
204 has shown themselves to be morally deficient, acted maliciously in the ouster of
205 the previous incumbent president, acted nefariously in the ouster of the previous
206 incumbent president, or if the person has proven themselves to be incompetent to
207 succeed to the presidency. Should the Senate take such an action, the line of
208 succession will proceed until the presidency is filled or a special election, to occur
209 posthaste, is forced by virtue of there being no person in the line of succession
210 willing and capable of serving as president on a permanent basis. While such an
211 election is underway, the highest-ranking ASWOU official shall be the Acting
212 President whose decisions may be overturned by the Senate or Judicial Board.
- 213 c. If the Senate approves changing the title of a cabinet position, the title change
214 shall automatically be reflected in this Section. If the Senate approves the creation
215 of additional cabinet positions, they shall automatically be listed at the end of the
216 line of succession in order of approval, provided that the Senate may, at the time
217 of the position’s creation, move the position to a different place in the line of
218 succession. Should a position be abolished, it shall be automatically removed
219 from the line of succession.

220 **ARTICLE IV – LEGISLATIVE**

221 **1. MEETINGS:**

- 222 a. The Senate shall meet at least three times monthly, with the exception of the
223 months of December, June, July, August, and September, or when the regularly
224 scheduled meeting of the Senate is on a day when the university is closed. The
225 Senate shall not meet during finals week, except for special meetings, and is not
226 required to fulfill its meeting quota during the months which include finals week.

- 227 b. Except for special meetings, time shall be made available on Senate meeting
228 agendas for reports from an ASWOU Advisor, the ASWOU President, the
229 ASWOU Judicial Administrator, an OSA Representative, and an RHA
230 Representative. The Senate President may assign reasonable specific time
231 allocations to these reports.
- 232 c. The Senate President may call electronic meetings of the Senate; these meetings
233 may be held at a time and in a manner as determined by the Senate President. The
234 meeting must allow for a video call-in option. Electronic meetings may only be
235 held in a committee of the whole called by the Senate President, in which the
236 Senate President shall continue to preside. A quorum of an electronic meeting
237 shall be a majority of those members of the Senate who have notified the Senate
238 President that they will be participating in the electronic meeting.

239 **2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE:**

- 240 a. The Senate shall be limited to no more than fifteen Senators, in addition to the
241 Senate President. A representative from the Residence Hall Association shall be
242 allowed a speaking seat on the Senate, but is not otherwise a Senator; however,
243 they are encouraged to apply to be a Senator. There are eleven elected Senator
244 Positions. Elections for these Senators are to be held during the general election.
245 If there are vacancies on the Senate, interested students shall apply to fill the
246 vacancy with the Senate President and are subject to approval of the Senate. The
247 ASWOU Director of Equity and the ASWOU Director of Multicultural Advocacy
248 shall each have the right to nominate as senators two individuals from the clubs
249 they represent for approval by the Senate without having to complete the
250 application process. Should the nominee be approved, they are to be sworn in by a
251 representative from the Judicial Board and assume all responsibilities and powers
252 of a Senator, but may not act as a Senator until the conclusion of the meeting in
253 which they were approved.
- 254 b. A Senator may resign their position by submitting a letter of resignation to the
255 Senate President, who will announce the resignation at the next meeting of the
256 Senate. The Senate President may resign by submitting their letter to the Senate
257 President Pro Tempore or their ASWOU Advisor. The person who receives the
258 letter or their designee shall inform the Senate of the Senate President's
259 resignation at the next meeting of the Senate.

260 **3. SENATE LEADERSHIP:**

- 261 a. Senate President.
- 262 i. The Senate President shall serve as the Chair and presiding officer of the
263 Senate. The Senate President is a Senator and may assume those rights
264 when not presiding. While the Senate President maintains the freedom to
265 speak in meetings and debate on all matters before the Senate, they are to
266 remain impartial when recognizing members during floor debate. The

267 Senate President maintains appointing power to committees not otherwise
268 delegated by the ASWOU governing documents. As the appointing
269 authority, the Senate President may also remove members or appoint
270 additional members at any time. The Senate President is to determine a
271 reasonable expected weekly time commitment for Senators and potential
272 Senators. All official communications to the Senate must be transmitted to
273 the Senate President. When the Senate is not in session and if the Senate
274 President deems a matter to be urgent and a special meeting would be
275 unreasonable, the Senate President may act on behalf of the Senate,
276 provided that they inform Senators of their actions as soon as possible.
277 The Senate President shall act with restraint in these situations and shall
278 have all actions reviewed by the Senate at its next meeting for approval or
279 reversal. The Senate President may not unilaterally pass legislation using
280 this ability.

281 b. Senate President Pro Tempore.

282 i. The Senate shall appoint one of its Senators to be the Senate President Pro
283 Tempore by the third regularly scheduled meeting of fall term. The Senate
284 President Pro Tempore shall serve the Senate as its Vice-Chair. The
285 Senate President Pro Tempore shall be responsible for scheduling Senators
286 for their weekly tabling in consultation with the ASWOU Office
287 Coordinator; they shall also ensure that Senators are trained on tabling
288 rules and methods.

289 ii. Should the Senate President vacate office, the Senate President Pro
290 Tempore shall succeed to office, unless the Senate votes by a two-thirds
291 majority to declare them incapable of serving as Senate President and
292 prevent them from serving, and therefore also removing them from their
293 position of Senate President Pro Tempore; this shall also have the effect of
294 commencing impeachment proceedings against them as a Senator. The
295 Senate may only do this in extreme cases where the Senate President Pro
296 Tempore has shown themselves to be morally deficient, acted maliciously
297 in the ouster of the previous incumbent Senate President, acted nefariously
298 in the ouster of the previous incumbent Senate President, or if the person
299 has proven themselves to be incompetent to succeed to the Senate
300 Presidency. If this occurs, the longest-serving current member of the
301 Senate who is not the Senate President Pro Tempore shall act as Senate
302 President until a special election to fill the position has occurred, which
303 shall happen posthaste. The Senate President Pro Tempore may also
304 decline to serve, forcing a special election to occur posthaste. If there is no
305 Senate President Pro Tempore, the longest-serving Senator shall act as
306 Senate President until a Senate President has been elected or the Senate

307 appoints a Senate President Pro Tempore within 10 days of being
308 informed of the Senate President's vacating office.

309 **4. SENATOR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 310 a. Senators shall attend all Senate meetings in accordance with the Senate's
311 attendance policies. They are also expected to meet individually with the Senate
312 President monthly, as scheduled by the Senate President. Each Senator shall
313 uniquely sponsor at least one piece of legislation, or co-sponsor at least two pieces
314 of legislation, per term
- 315 b. Each Senator shall attend at least one IFC meeting. Within their first four
316 regularly scheduled meetings, each Senator is expected to have attended a training
317 conducted by the Senate President; this training is to include an overview of
318 parliamentary procedure and expectations and responsibilities of Senators.
- 319 c. All Senators shall be SafeZone trained through SafeZone at Western Oregon
320 University within their first full academic term that they are a part of ASWOU
321 Government. In the event that a Senator does not complete SafeZone training
322 within their first full academic term they are a Senator, a five-week probationary
323 period shall be in effect. Within the first five weeks of the following term, the
324 Senator must complete SafeZone training or be automatically removed from
325 office.
- 326 d. Senators are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming of their
327 position. Failure to adhere to their responsibilities or conducting themselves in an
328 injurious manner either within or outside of Senate meetings are impeachable
329 offenses.

330 **5. SENATE COMMITTEES:**

- 331 a. The Senate President may form and disband committees as they see fit; however,
332 if the Senate President creates a Standing Committee of the Senate, it must exist
333 until the completion of the academic year or is disbanded by a two-thirds vote of
334 the Senate. The Senate may also compel the creation of a committee by majority
335 vote; committees created in this manner may only be disbanded by the Senate.
336 Unless otherwise duly called, committee meetings are to be open to the public.
337 Committees, like the Senate, may not meet with less than 24 hours' notice to their
338 members. At times when the Senate has more than 10 Senators, the Senate
339 President shall form a Committee on Rules consisting of three members tasked
340 with reviewing and making recommendations, as needed, to legislation after its
341 first reading in the Senate.

342 **6. SENATE LEGISLATION**

- 343 a. Senate Bills are used to amend the ASWOU Bylaws. Senate Resolutions are non-
344 binding and used to state policy positions of the ASWOU Senate and/or
345 Government and make ideological statements. Senate Resolutions may also be
346 used to petition the internal direction, processes, and action of the Senate which

347 would not otherwise be suited or stated in the Bylaws, including those which
348 relate to actions of members of the Senate, including the Senate President; these
349 resolutions do not require the signature of the President. Constitutional
350 amendments are also Senate Resolutions; the Senate may, by a two-thirds vote,
351 reconsider a Constitutional amendment for amendment or other action after it has
352 passed the Senate prior to its placement on the ballot for approval by the student
353 body. Senate Joint Resolutions are used to amend the Statutes for ASWOU
354 Chartered Organizations, further detailed in the Statutes. Any member of the
355 Senate may sign on to any legislation prior to the meeting of the legislation’s final
356 reading of the Senate. The Senate President is to provide the Senate with a
357 template for legislation by its first regularly scheduled meeting in fall term.

358 **7. LEGISLATION ADOPTION TIMELINE**

- 359 a. Senate Bills shall be subject to three readings of the Senate at three separate
360 Senate meetings. Bills do not need to be read aloud in their entirety, but this may
361 be compelled by a majority vote of the Senate. While amendments and debate
362 may be in order at each of the three readings, the first reading should be used for
363 initial presentation by the sponsor(s) and any questions for the sponsor(s); the
364 second reading should be used for considering any amendments to the bill; and
365 the third reading should be used for final discussion and debate of the bill.
- 366 b. Senate Resolutions shall be subject to two readings of the Senate. Resolutions do
367 not need to be read aloud in their entirety, but this may be compelled by a
368 majority vote of the Senate. Both the first and second reading of Resolutions are
369 used for questions of the sponsor(s), amendment, and debate.
- 370 c. Once legislation has completed its reading quota, it shall go to a vote upon the
371 completion of debate in its final reading and require a majority vote to pass. By a
372 two-thirds vote, the Senate may suspend this adoption timeline.

373 **8. LEGISLATIVE SIGNING AUTHORITY:**

- 374 a. The Senate President shall sign all legislation passed by the Senate within four
375 business days. Should the Senate President object to signing legislation, they may
376 sign an “X” and note their objection on the legislation; this still denotes its
377 passage by the Senate and has no effect on its passage. Once the Senate President
378 has signed the legislation, they are to present the signed copy of the legislation to
379 the President. The President will then have four business days to sign the
380 legislation or veto it. Unless otherwise noted, the President must also sign all
381 legislation for it to become effective. If the President is away for a period of time
382 and will be unable to sign or veto legislation, the Vice President may act in this
383 capacity. If the President does not sign or veto the legislation within these four
384 days, the legislation shall enter into effect without the President’s signature and
385 the Senate President shall note this on the legislation. If the President vetoes
386 legislation, they shall have twenty-four hours to inform the Senate of their veto

387 and their rationale. The Senate may overturn the President’s veto by a two-thirds
388 vote; if successfully overturned, the President must sign the bill within twenty-
389 four hours. If the President objects to signing, they may sign an “X” and note their
390 objection on the legislation; this still denotes its successful passage and has no
391 effect on its implementation. Outright refusal to sign by the Senate President or
392 the President is an impeachable offense.

393 **9. STUDENT CONCERN REPORTS:**

- 394 a. Student Concern Reports (SCRs) serve as a method for students to let their
395 concerns be heard by the ASWOU Government, both regarding our university and
396 the ASWOU Government itself. SCRs are to be made available to students both
397 digitally and in paper format. Any WOU fee-paying student may submit an SCR.
398 The Senate President is to regularly check for submitted SCRs and inform the
399 Senate and other ASWOU Government officials of any SCRs as they deem fit;
400 the Senate President must inform the Senate if the SCR is relating to the actions
401 of the Senate President and must inform their ASWOU advisor of all SCRs. SCRs
402 may be submitted anonymously but students are to be made aware that they will
403 be unable to receive any follow-up to their submission if it is done anonymously.
404 The Senate President shall oversee maintenance of SCR forms and take action
405 regarding SCRs as they deem necessary. If a student requests a follow-up on their
406 concern and provides their contact information, the Senate President must do so
407 promptly and provide available non-sensitive information pertinent to the
408 student’s concern. If a student provides their contact information, the Senate
409 President shall inform the student that their SCR has been received and is under
410 review, unless the student indicates that they do not want to receive any
411 communication on the matter.

412 **10. INCAPACITATION:**

- 413 a. If a dispute arises regarding the ability of the Senate President to serve, the Senate
414 shall meet with the President presiding as a non-voting chair. By a two-thirds
415 affirmative vote of the Senate, the question over incapacitation will then go to the
416 Judicial Board, which is to then vote on upholding the Senate’s decision, which
417 shall require a majority vote. Should this occur, the procedure and line of
418 succession in Article IV, Section 3.b.ii shall be followed.

419 **11. ATTENDANCE:**

- 420 a. Each Senator is allowed one unexcused absence per term; failure to comply with
421 this policy is an impeachable offense. Any Senator who is more than 10 minutes
422 late will be considered absent unless otherwise excused by the Senate President. If
423 a Senator has informed the Senate President of their anticipated absence, or
424 wishes to excuse their absence after the fact, the Senate President shall determine
425 whether the absence is excused or unexcused. Early departure from a meeting
426 may be counted as an absence and either be excused or unexcused at the

427 discretion of the Senate President. A Senator may appeal the decision of the
428 Senate President to not excuse their absence at the next meeting of the Senate and
429 the Senate may overturn the Senate President’s decision by a two-thirds vote.
430 Proxies for Senators are strictly prohibited in all circumstances.

431 **12. SENATE AWARDS:**

- 432 a. The Senate President shall request input from members of Senate and other
433 pertinent parties as to whom should receive the following Senate Awards at the
434 annual Leadership Recognition Night.
 - 435 i. The Senator of the Year Award
 - 436 ii. The Citizen Senator Award

437 **13. HONORARY RECOGNITION**

- 438 a. Any former ASWOU Senator shall be entitled to the privilege of being recognized
439 during floor debate and offering their opinion on the matters being discussed.
440 These former Senators shall have a seat made available for them at the Senate
441 table during a Senate Session.

442 **14. QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE**

- 443 a. Questions of privilege shall be, first, those affecting the rights of the Senate
444 collectively, its safety, dignity, and the integrity of its proceedings; and second,
445 those affecting the rights, reputation, and conduct of any guests in attendance of
446 the Senate Session.

447 **ARTICLE V – JUDICIAL**

448 **1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE JUDICIAL BOARD:**

- 449 a. The Judicial Board shall be limited to no more than five Justices, in addition to
450 the Judicial Administrator. Two of these five Justices shall be appointed by the
451 ASWOU President in accordance with proper appointment procedures. Elections
452 for three Justices are to be held during the general election; if there are vacancies
453 for Justice positions not filled during the general election, interested students shall
454 apply to fill the vacancy with the Judicial Administrator and are subject to
455 approval of the Senate. Should the nominee be approved, they are to be sworn in
456 by a representative from the Judicial Board and assume all responsibilities and
457 powers of a Justice.
- 458 b. A Justice may resign their position by submitting a letter of resignation to the
459 Judicial Administrator, who will announce the resignation at the next meeting of
460 the Judicial Board. If the Judicial Administrator resigns, the Senate President shall
461 inform the Judicial Board of the Judicial Administrator’s resignation at the next
462 meeting of the Judicial Board and preside until a new Judicial Administrator
463 assumes office, either by the Vice-Chair succeeding to office or a special election
464 is held. The Judicial Administrator may inform the Judicial Board of their own
465 pending resignation as well.

466 **2. JUDICIAL BOARD LEADERSHIP**

- 467 a. The Judicial Administrator shall serve as the Chair and presiding officer of the
468 Judicial Board. The Judicial Administrator is a Justice and may assume those
469 rights when not presiding. While the Judicial Administrator maintains the
470 freedom to speak in meetings and debate on all matters before the Judicial Board,
471 they are to remain impartial when recognizing members during floor debate. The
472 Judicial Administrator is to determine a reasonable expected weekly time
473 commitment for Justices and potential Justices. All official communications to the
474 Judicial Board must be transmitted to the Judicial Administrator. When the
475 Judicial Board is not in session and if the Judicial Administrator deems a matter to
476 be urgent and a special meeting would be unreasonable, the Judicial
477 Administrator may act on behalf of the Judicial Board in providing guidance
478 regarding their interpretation of the ASWOU governing documents, provided that
479 they inform the Judicial Board of their actions as soon as possible. The Judicial
480 Administrator shall act with restraint in these situations and shall have all actions
481 reviewed by the Judicial Board at its next meeting for approval or reversal. The
482 Judicial Administrator may not unilaterally determine violations of the governing
483 documents or issue sentences using this ability.
- 484 b. The Judicial Administrator shall appoint one of the Justices to be the Judicial
485 Board Vice-Chair by the third regularly scheduled meeting of fall term.
- 486 c. Should the Judicial Administrator vacate office, the Judicial Board Vice-Chair
487 shall succeed to office, unless the Judicial Board votes by a two-thirds majority to
488 declare them incapable of serving as Judicial Administrator and prevent them
489 from serving, and therefore also removing them from their position of Vice-Chair;
490 this shall also have the effect of commencing impeachment proceedings against
491 them as a Justice. The Judicial Board may only do this in extreme cases where the
492 Judicial Board Vice-Chair has shown themselves to be morally deficient, acted
493 maliciously in the ouster of the previous incumbent Judicial Administrator, acted
494 nefariously in the ouster of the previous incumbent Judicial Administrator, or if
495 the person has proven themselves to be incompetent to succeed to the office of
496 Judicial Administrator. If this occurs, the longest-serving current member of the
497 Judicial Board who is not its Vice-Chair shall act as Judicial Administrator until a
498 special election to fill the position has occurred, which shall happen posthaste.
499 The Judicial Board Vice-Chair may also decline to serve, forcing a special
500 election to occur posthaste. If there is no Judicial Board Vice-Chair, the longest-
501 serving Justice shall act as Judicial Administrator until a Judicial Administrator
502 has been elected or the Judicial Board appoints a Vice-Chair within 10 days of
503 being informed of the Judicial Administrator's vacating office.

504 **3. JUSTICE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 505 a. Justices shall attend all Judicial Board meetings in accordance with the Judicial's
506 Board attendance policies. They are also expected to meet individually with the
507 Judicial Administrator monthly, as scheduled by the Judicial Administrator.
508 b. Within their first four regularly scheduled meetings, each Justice is expected to
509 have attended a training conducted by the Judicial Administrator; this training is
510 to include an overview of parliamentary procedure and expectations and
511 responsibilities of Justices.
512 c. All Justices shall be SafeZone trained through SafeZone at Western Oregon
513 University within their first full academic term they are a part of ASWOU
514 Government. In the event a Justice does not complete SafeZone training within
515 the first full academic term they are a Justice, a five-week probationary period
516 shall be in effect. Within the first five weeks of the following term, the Justice
517 must complete SafeZone training or be automatically removed from office.

518 **4. MEETINGS OF THE JUDICIAL BOARD:**

- 519 a. The Judicial Board is only required to meet when it would have business to
520 conduct.
521 b. The Judicial Board may not act without a quorum of its members present.

522 **5. DELIBERATION PROCESSES:**

- 523 a. To obtain a hearing before the Judicial Board, any fee-paying WOU student may
524 complete a hearing request form as established by the Judicial Administrator and
525 submit it to the Judicial Administrator; the Judicial Administrator or an ASWOU
526 Advisor may also submit a hearing request on the behalf of a student who informs
527 them of their desire for a hearing. The Judicial Administrator must notify the
528 Judicial Board of the request within 48 hours of the request's submission. Hearing
529 requests are to include the alleged violation of the ASWOU governing documents
530 and any details available to the submitter which are pertinent to the case. Hearing
531 requests may not be anonymous, per the ASWOU Constitution guaranteeing
532 students the right to face their accuser. Parties involved in the hearing request are
533 to be invited to the Judicial Board meeting in which their case will be heard and
534 allowed to speak to their case and/or submit their testimony in writing. The
535 Judicial Board is then to determine if there was, in fact, a violation and then what
536 sentence, if any, would be appropriate. The Judicial Board is to inform the accuser
537 and the defendant of its determinations in writing within 48 hours.
538 b. The Judicial Board shall review all legislative action taken by the Senate
539 regarding its adherence to the constitution, or Bylaws if the legislation is not an
540 amendment to the Bylaws or constitution themselves, following the first reading
541 of the legislation in the Senate or, at its discretion and with the request of the
542 Senate President, prior to the first reading of the legislation.
543 i. Should the Judicial Board regard legislation of the Senate to be in
544 violation of the constitution, the Judicial Administrator must submit in

545 writing the exact constitutional issues with the legislation to the Senate no
546 less than 48 hours prior to the next duly scheduled meeting of the Senate,
547 or as soon as absolutely possible should the Judicial Board meeting occur
548 within 48 hours of the next duly scheduled meeting of the Senate.
549 Provided that the Senate has not suspended the adoption timeline and
550 already adopted the legislation prior to the Judicial Board's review, the
551 Senate may then either terminate the legislation, amend the legislation to
552 address the issues noted by the Judicial Board and it may resubmit the
553 legislation for review, or proceed with the legislation as written and
554 without further preliminary review from the Judicial Board.

555 ii. Should the Senate proceed with the legislation as written and without
556 further preliminary review from the Judicial Board, or if the adoption
557 timeline was suspended and the legislation adopted, the legislation may be
558 considered duly passed and enter into effect; however, should a hearing
559 request be filed regarding passed legislation, it may also be subject to the
560 decisive review of the Judicial Board which may rule the legislation
561 unconstitutional and therefore be nullified.

562 iii. Should a hearing request be filed regarding passed Senate legislation, at
563 the next meeting of the Judicial Board two-fifths of the Judicial Board
564 must agree to consider the matter. If the Judicial Board agrees to consider
565 it, the Judicial Administrator must inform the Senate of the Judicial
566 Board's decision posthaste. At the Judicial Board meeting in which they
567 consider the matter, members of the Senate must be allowed to participate
568 in discussion on the matter as any Justice would, but may not make
569 motions.

570 c. University closures and academic vacations and holidays are not counted against
571 the aforementioned time periods. Violations of any part of these due process
572 procedures will render the decision in the case null and void. Should the Judicial
573 Board be alleged of violating due process, it may disagree with the allegation by
574 majority vote; should this occur, the President shall preside over a Special
575 Committee on Judicial Appeals consisting of the Judicial Administrator, the
576 Senate President, the Vice President, and two fee-paying students-at-large
577 appointed by the President who are not otherwise ASWOU Government members
578 or parties in the case(s) in question. This Special Committee shall meet posthaste
579 to determine by majority vote if due process was, in fact, violated. The
580 defendant(s) in the case(s) shall be invited to the meeting of the Special
581 Committee and allowed to speak and/or submit their testimony in writing as to the
582 alleged violation(s) of due process. Any sentence by the Judicial Board on the
583 case(s) in question shall be stayed pending the determination of the Special
584 Committee.

585 **6. GOVERNING DOCUMENTS:**
586 a. The ASWOU governing documents are to be formatted in a standard format
587 utilizing 12-point Times New Roman font, line numbers, and page numbers
588 throughout. They may not include page borders. The Judicial Administrator shall
589 regularly update the governing documents as they are duly amended. The Judicial
590 Administrator, in cooperation with the ASWOU Director of Visual
591 Communications, shall create a table of contents for the ASWOU governing
592 documents. The Judicial Administrator shall update the table of contents as the
593 governing documents are duly amended.

594 **7. INCAPACITATION:**
595 a. If a dispute arises regarding the ability of the Judicial Administrator to serve, the
596 Senate may determine by a two-thirds affirmative vote that the Judicial
597 Administrator is unable to serve. Should this occur, the question over
598 incapacitation will then go to the Judicial Board with the President presiding as
599 chair. The Judicial Board shall then vote on the question of upholding the
600 Senate’s decision, which shall require a majority vote. Should this occur, the
601 procedure in Article V, Section 1.d shall be followed.

602 **8. ATTENDANCE AND CONDUCT:**
603 a. Each Justice is allowed one unexcused absence per term; failure to comply with
604 this policy is an impeachable offense. Any Justice who is more than 10 minutes
605 late will be considered absent unless otherwise excused by the Judicial
606 Administrator. If a Justice has informed the Judicial Administrator of their
607 anticipated absence, or wishes to excuse their absence after the fact, the Judicial
608 Administrator shall determine whether the absence is excused or unexcused. Early
609 departure from a meeting may be counted as an absence and either be excused or
610 unexcused at the discretion of the Judicial Administrator. A Justice may appeal
611 the decision of the Judicial Administrator to not excuse their absence at the next
612 meeting of the Judicial Board and the Judicial Board may overturn the Judicial
613 Administrator’s decision by a two-thirds vote. Proxies for Justices are strictly
614 prohibited in all circumstances.
615 b. Justices are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming of their
616 position. Failure to adhere to their responsibilities or conducting themselves in an
617 injurious manner either within or outside of Judicial Board meetings are
618 impeachable offenses.

619 **9. OATH OF OFFICE:**
620 a. The Oath of Office for all ASWOU Government members shall be: “I, [student
621 name], do solemnly swear to faithfully execute the duties of the office of [position
622 title] to the best of my abilities and, in the best interest of the Associated Students
623 of Western Oregon University, to uphold the Governing Documents and the
624 Student Code of Conduct.” This oath must be taken in front of a witness.

625 b. ASWOU Government members shall also be required to sign a document
626 acknowledging that they have taken the Oath of Office, which is also to be signed
627 by the witness and the Judicial Administrator or their designee who swore in the
628 member. These documents are to be kept on record by the Judicial Administrator,
629 with a copy being provided to the member.

630 **ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS**

631 **1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE:**

- 632 a. The purpose and scope of these election policies is to allow all students an equal
633 opportunity to present their views and qualifications to the ASWOU during an
634 election period.
- 635 b. These policies shall be in effect for all ASWOU elections authorized by the
636 Judicial Branch.
- 637 c. These policies shall be in effect in all areas recognized as the Western Oregon
638 University (WOU) campus. These policies do not apply to campaigning that
639 occurs off campus, except campaign financing, endorsements/ticketing, and the
640 Elections Code of Conduct regulations.
- 641 d. These policies shall apply to all students of WOU.
- 642 e. All students of WOU shall have an equal opportunity to vote.

643 **2. DEFINITIONS:**

- 644 a. *Campaign Finances*: Money expended by any candidate or campaign staff for a
645 candidate's election, or money raised by the candidate and their campaign staff on
646 behalf of the candidate. This must be recorded and regularly submitted, as
647 required, to the Elections Committee.
- 648 b. *Campaign Material*: Any material, printed or otherwise, designed to support a
649 campaign.
- 650 c. *Campaign Violation*: Anytime a candidate or a member of a campaign/cause staff
651 is found in violation of policies laid out by the ASWOU Bylaws and/or relevant
652 WOU authorities. The candidate or cause organization is responsible for all
653 violations made by campaign staff.
- 654 d. *Campaign Week*: The week prior to the polls opening in which candidates and
655 campaign organizations seek to gain recognition from the voters.
- 656 e. *Campus List Serve*: A server that manages campus lists of contact information, for
657 groups of users.
- 658 f. *Candidate(s)*: Any ASWOU student who meets the current GPA standard, is
659 enrolled in at least 6 credits (while in office), and who meets the requirements
660 outlined in the ASWOU Bylaws, Constitution, or other Governing Documents.
661 Candidates must also submit the appropriate application and/or documents.
- 662 g. *Candidate Forum*: The Elections Committee will hold at least two forums to
663 allow candidates a fair and equal way to address the voters. All candidates must
664 be given one-week prior notice of the forum's scheduled time.

- 665 h. *Cause*: Any ballot initiative, measure, or recall efforts can be described as a cause.
666 No cause may server or further the election a single candidate. Causes are
667 expected to follow elections policies as any other campaign would.
- 668 i. *Cause/Campaign Staff*: All those people who act on a cause or candidate’s behalf
669 with the candidate’s or cause’s knowledge and permission. All staff members are
670 expected to follow the Elections Code of Conduct. This staff may include non-
671 student members. (Also referred to as a “Campaign Organization”).
- 672 j. *Cause Organization*: A Cause Organization is a campaign and its staff that serves
673 a cause as defined above. Cause Campaigns/Organizations must submit
674 applications as any candidate would, this must include a founding ASWOU
675 student who serves as the primary point of contact. The staff of a cause
676 organization advocates with the same capacity and limitations as a candidate and
677 as a candidate and/or campaign organizations during an election. Cause
678 organizations must abide by the same policies as a campaign organization.
- 679 k. *Computer Lab*: Any area/room with three or more computers which is not
680 regularly scheduled for classroom/teaching purposes.
- 681 l. *Disqualification*: the most severe sanction that the Elections Committee may
682 issue. This removes the candidate’s name from the ballot, and bars the candidate
683 from being elected to office.
- 684 m. *Elections Committee*: The body of students and its advisors who oversee and set
685 policies in accordance with the ASWOU Bylaws for ASWOU Elections. This
686 committee is a subunit of the Judicial Branch.
- 687 n. *Elections Secretary*: A person who takes notes at all Elections Committee
688 meetings. These notes will be used if any policies regarding election policies
689 within ASWOU Bylaws need to be changed.
- 690 o. *Endorsement*: To give approval of a cause or candidate via public support, or by
691 public statement.
- 692 p. *General Election*: The annual election called to fill all of the positions created by
693 the ASWOU Constitution, as well as three Incidental Fee Committee members,
694 and to vote on various ballot measures.
- 695 q. *Grievance Hearing*: A meeting to read and discuss violations. The Elections
696 Committee will hear from the person(s) lodging the complaint(s), from the
697 candidate, as well as any other person(s) involved. At this meeting, the Elections
698 Committee will determine whether a violation was committed, and if so, whether
699 a sanction is required.
- 700 r. *In-kind Donation*: Materials or services donated to a campaign. In order to be
701 classified as an in-kind donation, these must be directly applicable to the election
702 of a candidate. The value of the materials or services will be estimated in financial
703 terms. All donations must be recorded by the campaign and will be counted as
704 part of the campaign finances.

- 705 s. *Mandatory Elections Meeting*: A meeting deemed mandatory for all candidates by
706 the Elections Committee. At least one Mandatory Elections Meeting will be held
707 per election in order to distribute the Elections Policies to all candidates that will
708 be appearing on the ballot, as well as take pictures which will be displayed on the
709 ballot for each candidate. Candidates must be given a minimum of 72 hours'
710 notice of all mandatory meetings in order to allow for accommodations. Cause
711 organizations and write-in candidates will be held accountable to the policies and
712 guidelines outlined within these meetings regardless of the start date of their
713 campaign.
- 714 t. *Poster*: Each visible side of a poster (whether on the same sheet of paper/material)
715 shall be counted as one poster.
- 716 u. *Slate*: A slate is any recommendation by a person or entity that more than one
717 candidate and/or cause should be voted for. These are allowed by ASWOU
718 elections.
- 719 v. *Special Election*: Any election other than the General Election, including and
720 'Emergency Election.' A special election may be called by a duly passed
721 resolution of the Senate or at the discretion of the Judicial Board.
- 722 w. *Ticket*: A ticket refers to a way of casting a vote in which, by voting for one
723 person for one position, a voter is also casting their vote automatically for another
724 person for another position in such a manner as the voter is unable to vote for
725 different candidates for different positions by choosing to vote for a single
726 candidate for a single position. These are not allowed on ASWOU election
727 ballots.
- 728 x. *Violation Notice*: A notice from the Elections Committee that a violation has
729 occurred, but only requires a hearing if either, no action to correct the violation is
730 taken, the violation(s) is of a serious or continuing nature, or the party receiving
731 the notice requests a hearing.
- 732 y. *Write-in Candidate(s)*: Any candidate who abides by the elections policies laid
733 out, but did not file the required candidacy application. Also refers to someone
734 removed from the ballot by the Elections Committee as a sanction for violation
735 during their campaign, but is still allowed to hold office. A Write-in Candidate
736 who intentionally and seriously violates elections policy is subject to
737 disqualification. A Write-in Candidate must be an ASWOU student who meet the
738 current credit, GPA and position requirements outlined in the appropriate
739 ASWOU Bylaws, Constitution, or other Governing Documents.
- 740 **3. ELECTION TIMELINE:**
- 741 a. Except for special elections, elections shall only take place during spring term of
742 the academic year. They should start no later than the fourth week of April, unless
743 otherwise decided by a joint resolution passed by the Senate and approved by the
744 Judicial Board.

- 745 b. Every effort should be made for there to be a full Elections Committee formed
746 and approved by Senate by the beginning of Spring Term.
747 c. Every effort should be made for the Joint Committee on Elections Appeals to be
748 formed by the beginning of spring term.

749 **4. MEMBERS OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:**

- 750 a. The Elections Committee, which is a Subcommittee of the Judicial Board, shall be
751 in charge of running the ASWOU elections.
752 b. The Elections Committee will be composed of six members, who shall include an
753 on campus student appointed by the RHA President, a member of the Judicial
754 Branch as decided by the Judicial Administrator, and the remaining four members
755 will be co-appointed by the ASWOU President, Senate President, and the Judicial
756 Administrator.
757 i. All appointments, with the exception of the RHA appointment, shall be
758 subject to Senate approval.
759 c. Any of the four members appointed by the ASWOU Branch Heads may have
760 their appointment to the Elections Committee rescinded if two Branch Heads
761 deem it necessary.

762 **5. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 763 a. Once the Elections Committee has been formed, the branch heads shall provide a
764 mandatory training and orientation to all members. Any branch head who is
765 serving as a member of the Elections Committee or is a candidate in the election
766 in question shall not provide this orientation and training. Should all branch heads
767 be therefore disqualified, a professional ASWOU advisor is to provide the
768 training and orientation.
769 b. The Elections Committee chair shall maintain and improve as necessary their
770 transition binder to ensure each Elections Committee is well informed on proper
771 procedure.
772 c. At the end of the each election, the Elections Committee shall submit a report to
773 the ASWOU branch heads-elect outlining areas of improvement in the elections
774 process. This report may include recommendations but may not include wholesale
775 policy changes and is neither prescriptive nor binding.
776 d. Members of the Elections Committee are not allowed to run for any office in the
777 ASWOU Election.
778 e. The Elections Committee shall endeavor to inform the candidates of any changes
779 of procedure, electoral status, or general election information by email within
780 twenty-four hours of the change.
781 i. The official email address of the Elections Committee shall be
782 aswouelections@wou.edu.

- 783 f. The Elections Committee shall produce a map of WOU’s campus showing where
784 it is appropriate to post posters and where candidates cannot campaign. This shall
785 be given to all candidates.
- 786 g. Elections Violations
- 787 i. Any candidate running for an elected position, or a cause organization
788 supporting a ballot measure, has the right to file an election grievance with
789 the Elections Committee. Grievances cover potential violations to these
790 election guidelines and the ASWOU Constitution and Bylaws. A
791 grievance being filed will result in a grievance hearing of the Elections
792 Committee by the Appeals Committee or the Judicial Board, depending on
793 the body to which it was submitted.
- 794 ii. Any ASWOU student may file a “Notice of Possible Elections Violation”.
- 795 1. This notice must be submitted to the official Elections email.
- 796 iii. This alleged violation must be reviewed by the Elections Committee Chair
797 within twenty-four hours in order to determine whether a grievance
798 hearing is necessary.
- 799 1. Grievance hearings, when necessary, must be held within 48 hours of the
800 grievance being filed.
- 801 2. The Elections Committee will issue a violation notice to any candidate or cause
802 that violates any elections policy via email.
- 803 a. In the case of a cause organization, the notice of the violation will be issued
804 to the primary point of contact on the cause organization application.
- 805 3. Anonymous concerns and complaints do not warrant deliberation as the ASWOU
806 Constitution guarantees students the right to face their accuser.
- 807 iv. Any member of the Elections Committee may file a grievance against a
808 candidate or cause on the ASWOU ballot. A grievance will result in a
809 grievance hearing of the Elections Committee.
- 810 h. It is the responsibility of the Elections Committee to follow Oregon Public
811 Meeting Laws. All meetings shall be open to the public and shall not be closed,
812 with the exception of deliberations for a hearing, but minutes shall still be taken.
- 813 i. In the case of tallying votes, to protect student privacy and anonymity, it is
814 not necessary to record or maintain minutes of the counting and
815 verification of votes. However, the finally tally and any discussion of it
816 will be on the record. Should no discussion be required the official and
817 signed voter tally sheet shall serve as an official record.
- 818 i. The Elections Committee shall practice good decorum and be impartial while
819 hearing cases.
- 820 j. The Elections Committee shall ensure that all students of WOU have an equal
821 opportunity to vote.
- 822 The purview of the Elections Committee shall be to enforce the elections policies
823 duly created by Senate. The Elections Committee may recommend policies to the

824 Senate for approval, which shall only be in effect for the duration of the election
825 in question for which the Elections Committee has been appointed. Such
826 recommendations are technically within the legislative agenda of the Senate, but
827 are not subject to any legislation adoption timeline and may be voted on at the
828 next Senate meeting following their recommendation. The Senate may also, in
829 consultation with the members of the Elections Committee, enact such policies

830 **6. SUPERVISION OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:**

- 831 a. All three ASWOU Branch Heads and the ASWOU Advisor(s) will serve as
832 advisors to the Elections Committee unless they are running as a candidate, are
833 part of a cause or campaign organization, or are serving on the Elections
834 Committee.
- 835 b. All of the advisors may remain in attendance during closed deliberations.

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837 **7. ELECTIONS CODE OF CONDUCT:**

- 838 a. No candidate, member of a campaign staff, or supporter of a candidate(s) should
839 make any threat(s) of retaliation or reprisal to voters or other participants in an
840 election, or intimidate or impersonate voters.
- 841 b. Candidates and their campaign staff should not use ASWOU funds or resources
842 for the purposes of the election or campaigning except for resources that are
843 available on a basis of equality with all other candidates.
- 844 c. All candidates and their campaign staffs should respect the rights of others, and
845 should take all necessary and reasonable steps to conduct their campaigns in a
846 peaceful environment.
- 847 d. Every candidate should act in good faith and with integrity in matters of speech
848 and conduct.
- 849 e. Candidates, and their campaign staffs, should ensure that their campaign activity
850 does not incite violence, create hatred, or cause tension between different groups
851 or communities. Abusive or inflammatory language shall not be tolerated, and all
852 the necessary steps should be taken in good faith to avoid violent confrontation.
- 853 f. Candidates, and their campaign staff, should not obstruct or break up meetings
854 organized by other parties and candidates, prevent the distribution of handbills
855 and leaflets, or interfere with other parties' political material, for example, by
856 defacement or over-postering. It is the responsibility of candidates to ensure that
857 their campaign staff does not engage in activities likely to lead to a breach of
858 election policies.
- 859 g. Any ASWOU employee may work for any candidate or cause, provided that the
860 employee is not using any ASWOU resources beyond what is allowed by these
861 Bylaws, including Section 6.b of this article.

862 **8. CANDIDATES:**

- 863 a. A candidate is only eligible for one place on the ballot per election.

- 864 b. Candidates must be in good judicial standing with WOU.
865 c. All candidates shall follow the WOU Student Code of Conduct, and the Elections
866 Code of Conduct.
867 d. Write-in candidates must meet the GPA, credit, and judicial standing
868 requirements to be declared elected and take office upon receiving sufficient
869 notes. Votes for a write-in candidate wherein the intent of the vote may be clearly
870 ascertained are to be counted even if the name written in on the ballot is not
871 exactly the name of the write-in candidate. Votes for a write-in candidate are to be
872 counted even if the write-in candidate has not informed the Elections Committee
873 of their candidacy.
874 e. A candidate is any student who meets the definition of a candidate or write-in
875 candidate.

876 **9. CANDIDATE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 877 a. All candidates are required to attend all Mandatory Elections Meetings.
878 i. If the candidate is unable to attend, then it is their responsibility to notify
879 the Elections Committee a minimum of twenty-four hours in advance. If a
880 candidate becomes aware of a medical emergency, a required class
881 expectation, or a matter that does not allow them to notify the Elections
882 Committee a minimum of twenty-four hours in advance, then they must
883 still notify the Elections Committee as soon as possible. The Elections
884 Committee can disqualify a candidate from the race if they feel that the
885 candidate did not sufficiently attempt to notify the Elections Committee.
886 b. Candidates must submit a list of campaign staff to the Elections Committee by the
887 Friday before Campaign Week.
888 i. Campaign staff may be altered at any point in time, but all changes must
889 be reported to the Elections Committee within 24 hours of the change.
890 c. Uphold all elections policies for themselves and their staff. Any violation(s) that
891 occur by the campaign staff, or themselves, are the responsibility of the candidate.
892 d. No candidate or candidate staff is allowed to use ASWOU supplies for the
893 purpose of a candidate's campaign; however, the ASWOU President, in
894 consultation with the ASWOU Office Coordinator, shall determine prior to the
895 start of each election reasonable prices to allow for a candidate's campaign to use
896 ASWOU supplies.
897 e. Email communication is the official method of notification of policy changes. It is
898 the responsibility of the Elections Committee Chair to maintain the Elections
899 Committee email inbox. Prior to the Elections Committee being formed and a
900 Chair being selected, the Judicial Administrator has the responsibility of
901 maintaining the Elections Committee email inbox. No candidate will be
902 responsible for adhering to the changes in policy if an email notification has not
903 been made to them. Should the Elections Committee Chair not send out such a

904 notification in a timely manner, a branch head who is not running for office may
905 send out the notification; should all branch heads be running for office, a
906 professional ASWOU advisor is to send out the notification posthaste.
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908 **10. ENDORSEMENTS:**

- 909 a. Any candidate(s) may endorse any other candidate(s).
 - 910 i. Candidates are allowed to endorse causes.
- 911 b. Any student group, club, or organization, as long as it is not contrary to their own
912 Constitution and/or Bylaws, may choose to endorse or not endorse any
913 candidate(s) or causes in the ASWOU elections.
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915 **11. CAUSE ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 916 a. Any student, or group of students, may form a cause organization to advocate a
917 stance on campus ballot initiatives and/or measures.
 - 918 i. Cause organizations may not be formed by anyone who is not a current
919 Incidental Fee paying student of Western Oregon University.
- 920 b. All cause organizations must adhere to the Election Policies.
- 921 c. All members of a cause organization are considered cause staff, and must be
922 reported.
 - 923 i. Cause organizations must also have a student who acts as the primary
924 point of contact for the organization.

925 **12. CAMPAIGN FINANCING:**

- 926 a. All candidates, campaign organizations, and cause organizations will be required
927 to keep track of all funds utilized towards their election efforts. They are to be:
 - 928 i. Reported weekly no later than 4pm on the Wednesday and Friday of
929 Campaign Week, and the Wednesday and Friday of the following Voting
930 Week.
 - 931 ii. Reported only on forms approved by the Elections Committee.
- 932 b. Candidate or cause campaign may not spend more than \$1,000 on their
933 campaigns. This amount includes both direct expenditures and in kind donations.
- 934 c. No candidate may take office until the above paperwork is submitted and
935 reviewed by the Elections Committee.
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936 **13. CAMPAIGN MATERIALS:**

- 937 a. Campaign materials, as defined above, shall not deface college property or disrupt
938 the educational environment of the University, and must adhere to the following
939 provisions:
 - 940 i. A sample of all campaign materials to be distributed or displayed in any
941 manner must be submitted and reviewed by the Elections Committee
942 Chair prior to use or before being made public.

- 943 1. All materials that were approved by the Elections Committee Chair are exempt
944 from having their approval questioned, as long as it adheres with all elections
945 policies outlined in the ASWOU Bylaws and the posting/advertisement guidelines
946 set by the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs (VPSA).
- 947 ii. All campaign materials, including lawn signs, posted on WOU bulletin
948 boards and other specific WOU posting areas, including the Residence
949 Halls, must be stamped by the VPSA Office prior to posting.
- 950 iii. Campaigning is prohibited in the Residence Halls, Valsetz Dining Hall,
951 and their entryways for the ASWOU Election.
- 952 1. Verbal door-to-door campaigning in the residential halls is not permitted.
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- 954 iv. It is the responsibility of the candidate and/or staff to remove all campaign
955 materials from all campus locations, excluding private dormitories and
956 campus offices, within five hours of the polls closing.
- 957 v. With the exception of the Elections Committee's voter's pamphlets and
958 other Elections Committee information, no campaigning which is visible
959 or audible by other voters or workers at the polls will be allowed.
- 960 1. Voters who feel harassed by any such campaigns are urged to file a complaint
961 against the candidate.
- 962 2. Such a complaint may be considered a violation(s) of election policy and may be
963 valid information at any election hearing regarding election policy violations of a
964 candidate.
- 965 vi. Campaign materials may only be posted within designated areas or
966 distances set by the Elections Committee.
- 967 1. Campaign materials may not be posted within one hundred feet of a polling
968 station, or within twenty feet of any campus computer lab. Measurements of
969 violation will be determined by the Elections Committee.
- 970 2. Designated areas may not be in violation of the posting guidelines set by the
971 VPSA Office.
- 972 vii. Lawn sign posting guidelines:
- 973 1. Avoid spiking lawn signs into the roots of trees, bushes, and plants other than the
974 grass.
- 975 2. Lawn signs may be posted between the sidewalk and the street on both sides of
976 Monmouth Ave. between the north side of the intersection of Church
977 St./Monmouth Ave. and the south side of the intersection of Jackson
978 St./Monmouth Ave.
- 979 3. No lawn signs may be placed on the Heritage Hall lawn.
- 980 4. No lawn signs may be placed between Werner University Center (WUC) and the
981 Heritage Hall driveway.

- 982 5. Lawn signs may not be larger than posting guidelines set forth by the VPSA
983 Office.
984 6. Use stakes no wider than 3/4" by 1 1/2". Lathe is preferable.
985 7. Any area on campus not covered in these policies shall be decided upon by the
986 Elections Committee during an election.
987 viii. Posting of campaign materials on campus is allowed between midnight
988 seven days prior to the opening of the polls until five hours following the
989 closure of the polls for any given election.
990 ix. Candidates, if invited by a student club or organization, may address the
991 club membership, but are not required to.
992 x. Campaign signs must be removed by 5pm on Sunday nights so the
993 Physical Plant may mow campus grounds. Signs may be put back up after
994 12:30 pm on Monday afternoons.
995 xi. No campaign may have more than a maximum of twenty lawn signs
996 posted around campus, with no more than thirty posters total per
997 campaign. Posters must be approved by the VPSA Office and the
998 Elections Committee prior to being posted around designated areas.

999 **14. CANDIDATES FORUM:**

- 1000 a. The Candidates Forum will consist of the following elements:
1001 i. One moderator.
1002 ii. One two-minute introductory speech by each candidate.
1003 iii. Question and answer period for each candidate for a period of time set by
1004 the moderator.
1005 iv. One one-minute closing statement for each candidate.
1006 b. The moderator will determine the order of speakers.
1007 c. The Elections Committee will appoint someone to act as moderator.
1008 d. Specific times and places for the forum will be determined by the Elections
1009 Committee.
1010 e. The Elections Committee shall determine times and places of each forum, and
1011 notify the candidates, a minimum of one week prior.
1012 i. Forums shall be advertised in accordance with university posting policies,
1013 and to allow for accommodations to be possible.
1014 f. Write-in Candidates may participate in the Candidates Forum. Write-in
1015 Candidates must inform the Elections Committee that they wish to participate at
1016 least twenty-four hours in advance of the candidate forums.
1017 g. Candidates may make additional speeches outside of the forums at their own
1018 discretion, but still must adhere to all campus regulations and election policies.

1019 **15. WITHDRAWAL:**

- 1020 a. A candidate who wishes to withdraw their name from the ballot must submit a
1021 request via email to the Elections Committee and verify the withdrawal either in-

1022 person or by the phone with the Elections Committee Chair, or by meeting with
1023 no less than two members of the Elections Committee and an Elections
1024 Committee advisor.
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1026 **16. POLLING AREAS:**

- 1027 a. Polling areas shall be established for each election by the Elections Committee at
1028 least one week prior to the beginning of Campaign Week.
1029 b. The polls must be staffed continuously by at least one trained poll worker who is
1030 not involved on any campaign staff/cause staff
1031 i. When possible, one member of the Elections Committee shall be present
1032 to ensure proper procedures are carried out.
1033 ii. Poll workers will be asked if they are on a campaign staff, and this will be
1034 verified to ensure that all poll workers are valid.
1035 iii. Poll workers representing an on campus organization are eligible to be
1036 paid \$5/person per hour in which a member is staffing a polling area.
1037 1. Volunteers must be approved by the Elections Committee, and the times in which
1038 the members will be staffing the polls must be scheduled.
1039 2. Funds will be JV'd from ASW 942 to the organization's on campus state account.
1040 3. This fundraising opportunity is granted solely at the discretion of the Elections
1041 Committee. It is the Elections Committee Chair's responsibility to work with the
1042 Director of Business and Finance to monitor funds and payments.
1043 c. If poll workers are found to taint an election, they shall have all monies earned by
1044 the organization for staffing polling areas revoked and face possible judicial
1045 sanctions.
1046 d. Voters may not influence one another in any way while at the polls, nor shall
1047 groups of non-voting students, staff, faculty, or community members gather
1048 around the polls.
1049 e. Failure to meet these standards shall result in the immediate closure of the polls
1050 until such time as the Elections Committee deems it proper to reopen them.

1051 **17. VOTING:**

- 1052 a. Only student fee-paying students of WOU shall be allowed to vote in an election,
1053 and shall only be allowed one vote per election.
1054 b. Electronic voting:
1055 i. The electronic vote of a student will not be secret since the Elections
1056 Committee will check the path of the vote to ensure against double voting.
1057 ii. Votes will be nullified in an electronic election if multiple electronic votes
1058 from the same person have been cast, or if votes with inaccurate "V
1059 numbers" or other student identification are utilized. The Elections
1060 Committee has the final determination as to whether an electronic vote is
1061 valid or not.

- 1062 iii. If a candidate, a member of their campaign organization, or a member of a
1063 cause organization votes multiple times, the candidate or cause
1064 organization will be reviewed for a campaign violation.
1065 iv. With computers acting as voting booths, candidates are prohibited from
1066 sending flash or “pop-up” messages to all students, all student emails, use
1067 of campus list serves not connected with the campaign, or instant
1068 messaging groups of students anonymously.
- 1069 1. Campaigns, including candidates, may not send email regarding the election or
1070 campaigning to individual groups of students unless it is to a relevant ASWOU
1071 Government authority and not for the purpose of requesting votes or support.
1072 2. These emails should be for the purpose of coordinating their campaign or
1073 resolving grievances.
- 1074 c. Paper Ballot Elections (if used):
- 1075 i. Student fee-paying students of WOU shall be allowed to vote, and they
1076 shall be given only one ballot.
- 1077 ii. A trained poll worker shall distribute a validated ballot after receiving the
1078 student ID number from the student, and crossing the student’s name off
1079 the student roster list. If a student’s name is not found on the student
1080 roster, a current proof of enrollment as obtained on the student’s WolfWeb
1081 will be required to allow that student to vote. This process verifies voter
1082 eligibility.
- 1083 iii. The ballots shall be kept for no less than three weeks after the results have
1084 been announced.
- 1085 iv. The voter is required to place the ballot in the ballot box.
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1087 **18. RESULTS:**

- 1088 a. The ballots shall be counted in a closed session immediately after the closing of
1089 the polls. The closed session will take place in a neutral meeting place, and the
1090 doors will remain closed until the votes are validated. Only the Elections
1091 Committee and the Elections Committee Advisors are to witness the counting.
- 1092 b. A tally of votes for each candidate will be recorded during counting. After the
1093 tallies have been completed, all those committee members present and an
1094 ASWOU Advisor who witnessed the tally shall sign the tally sheet.
- 1095 i. The official ASWOU Election results sheet shall be posted upon the
1096 completion of the official tally sheet, with the signatures of the ballot
1097 counters and observing ASWOU Advisor on the bottom of the sheet for
1098 verification.
- 1099 1. Results may be withheld if the Elections Committee determines that any
1100 candidate has not complied with the removing of campaign materials.
- 1101 c. Elections which result in a tie:

- 1102 i. In the event of a tie for an election, the Elections Committee will meet in a
1103 special session to set a date for a run-off election. The run-off election will
1104 take place within two weeks of the general election.
- 1105 1. This election will be deemed a special election.
- 1106 d. If the election results have write-in candidates winning a position, the following
1107 steps should take place:
- 1108 i. The current Judicial Administrator shall verify all write-in winners are
1109 eligible to hold an elected position.
- 1110 ii. The Judicial Administrator shall then offer positions in descending order
1111 of votes received. If a candidate refuses the position (before the time of the
1112 ASWOU inauguration), the person receiving the next largest number of
1113 votes will be offered the position. Candidates must receive at least two
1114 votes to be eligible.
- 1115 iii. If there are a greater number of write-in candidates with an exactly equal
1116 number of votes than there are positions, the Elections Committee shall
1117 hold a run-off election no later than two weeks after the general election
1118 with no write-in fields provided on it. The highest votes shall determine
1119 the winner.
- 1120 e. Any member of the student body may request a recount of the ballots by
1121 presenting a written statement signed by at least one member of the Student
1122 Senate to the Elections Committee within two business days of the announcement
1123 of the results. The Elections Committee will determine, within twenty-four hours,
1124 by majority vote, if the recount is warranted.
- 1125 f. The candidate receiving the most valid votes for an office shall be declared the
1126 winner. For offices with more than one position, candidates will be awarded seats
1127 in descending order of votes received until all positions are filled. In the case of
1128 the winning candidate (write-in or official) declining or being unable to fulfill the
1129 duties of the position, then the person receiving the second highest number of
1130 votes becomes the winner.
- 1131 i. This process will continue until the position is filled, or eligible candidates
1132 are exhausted.

1133 **19. ELECTION HEARING POLICIES:**

- 1134 a. A hearing shall not be initiated until a written grievance has been submitted to the
1135 Elections Committee Chair via email.
- 1136 b. Candidates shall be notified twenty-four hours in advance, by the Elections
1137 Committee, of any grievance(s) or violation(s) lodged against the candidate that
1138 the Elections Committee intends to pursue. This is to allow the candidate to
1139 prepare a defense.
- 1140 c. After reading and discussing the alleged violation(s), the Elections Committee
1141 will hear from the person(s) lodging the complaint(s), and from the

- 1142 candidate(s)/causes or witnesses if they may be necessary. At this time, they can
1143 determine whether a violation has occurred and, if a sanction is necessary for the
1144 violation.
- 1145 d. A candidate found to be in violation of the elections policies, as determined by a
1146 grievance hearing, may be subject to, but not limited to, the following sanctions
1147 by the Elections Committee:
- 1148 i. Disqualification from the election and all votes for said candidate are
1149 voided.
 - 1150 1. This sanction may not be applied to cause organizations.
 - 1151 ii. Name removed from the ballot, but the candidate is allowed to run as a
1152 write-in candidate.
 - 1153 1. This sanction may not be applied to cause organizations.
 - 1154 iii. Limit the number, size, scope, location, timing or other aspects of
1155 candidate/cause publicity for the duration of the election campaign.
 - 1156 iv. Limit or revoke the candidate's/cause's participation in any public events
1157 including, but not limited to: tables, use of public space on campus,
1158 candidate forums, debates, or other events.
 - 1159 v. Disbanding of the cause organization/campaign staff.
 - 1160 vi. Any other conditions the Elections Committee deems appropriate and
1161 reasonable for the situation.
- 1162 e. Candidates and/or representatives will be notified via phone, as well as via
1163 official email of the Elections Committee decision.
- 1164 f. An affirmative decision within a hearing requires a two-thirds vote of the
1165 Elections Committee.
- 1166 g. If a successful candidate is disqualified, the candidate receiving the next highest
1167 number of valid votes will be declared the winner.
- 1168 h. Persons wishing to lodge a complaint against a candidate or an Elections
1169 Committee ruling must do so to the Judicial Administrator within one week after
1170 the polls close.
- 1171 i. The circumstances and the reasoning for believing a violation was
1172 committed must be fully explained in writing.
- 1173 i. When applying sanctions, the Elections Committee shall follow a strike system,
1174 and shall recognize three classifications of violation severity. These shall be as
1175 follows:
- 1176 i. *Severity A*: Most severe violation possible. With this violation, a candidate
1177 may be removed from the ASWOU Election without any other strikes,
1178 with the possibility for disqualification (i.e. violations of the Election
1179 Code of Conduct).
 - 1180 ii. *Severity B*: Mid-level violation. With this violation, the Elections
1181 Committee can apply the sanctions they deem appropriate, with the

- 1182 exception of removal from the ballot unless a candidate is charged with
1183 three or more of these violations; then they should be considered for
1184 removal of their name from the ballot (i.e. a major poster violation).
1185 iii. *Severity C*: A low-level violation. These refer to minor violations or low-
1186 level technical violations (i.e. stakes being too thick). If a candidate
1187 receives seven of these violations, then it shall be assumed that there is a
1188 deliberate disregard for Election Policies and harsher sanctions such as
1189 removal from the ballot or disqualification shall be considered.
- 1190 1. These violations may be determined by the Elections Committee Chair without
1191 the committee. The candidate may request to have violations heard by the
1192 Committee. An appeal of the Chair's decision will be treated as any other appeal
1193 made of the Committee's decision.
 - 1194 2. After the third Severity C violation all subsequent violations will require the
1195 candidate to be brought before the Election Committee as such a continuation
1196 represents a disregard for the election policies.
 - 1197 j. The Elections Committee may take into account all previous violations within the
1198 current academic year when determining sanctions for subsequent violations.

1199 **20. ELECTION COMMITTEE APPEALS:**

- 1200 a. If a complaint is filed against the Elections Committee or if a decision of the
1201 Elections Committee is appealed, then the matter shall be reviewed by the Joint
1202 Committee on Elections Appeals (JCEA). Only matters brought to the JCEA by
1203 candidates or causes are to be reviewed. This board is to be comprised of the
1204 Judicial Administrator and one Justice appointed by the Judicial Administrator,
1205 and the Senate President and one Senator appointed by the Senate President.
1206 Members of the JCEA must meet the same membership requirements as members
1207 of the Elections Committee. The ASWOU President shall serve as a non-voting
1208 Chair of JCEA, unless they are running for office, in which case the highest-
1209 ranking member of the Executive Cabinet who is not seeking office shall chair the
1210 meeting. Neither the appointed Justice nor Senator may be concurrently serving
1211 on the Elections Committee. Should no Justice or no Senator be available for
1212 appointment to the JCEA, then neither a Justice nor a Senator may serve. The
1213 Senate President and Judicial Administrator may not vote on any deliberations of
1214 which they are directly involved with the matter in question. Should all members
1215 of the JCEA be disqualified, the matter will be taken up by the three at-large
1216 students appointed by the ASWOU advisors. A two-thirds vote is required to
1217 uphold the decision of the Elections Committee
- 1218 b. When a matter is duly brought before the JCEA, it is to be heard by the JCEA
1219 within 72 hours or at the soonest possible time that all members of the JCEA can
1220 meet and, if at all reasonably possible, the party bringing the matter to the JCEA
1221 is available as well.

1222 c. The party bringing the matter to the JCEA shall include in their email notification
1223 to the Senate President, Judicial Administrator, and President: a detailed account
1224 of the matter at hand and relevant statutes, procedures, and policies; any
1225 corroborating statements or evidence; and a clear and reasonable case for why the
1226 matter should be considered by the JCEA.

1227 **ARTICLE VII – INCIDENTAL FEE COMMITTEE**

- 1228 1. Oregon state law designates a public university’s recognized student government as
1229 having the right to mandate the Board of Trustees to collect student fees to be allocated
1230 by the student government. The Senate, as the legislative branch of the ASWOU
1231 Government, is in charge of this process. The Senate delegates this duty to the Incidental
1232 Fee Committee (IFC), insofar as it is not otherwise restricted in these Bylaws, which is
1233 hereby created. The Senate maintains its legal right to be the final arbiter of student fees.
- 1234 2. The IFC shall be governed by the ASWOU Constitution and Bylaws. The IFC may also
1235 create for itself bylaws, but no part of the IFC Bylaws may conflict with any part of the
1236 ASWOU Constitution or Bylaws.
- 1237 3. Upon IFC completing its work and after its preliminary decision and open hearings, it
1238 shall formally vote to recommend a budget for approval to the Senate. This
1239 recommendation shall be considered at the regularly scheduled Senate meeting
1240 immediately following the IFC recommendation. The Senate may not reject a budget
1241 exclusively because it disagrees with its contents, but it shall review the following
1242 requirements and ensure that all have been met by the IFC during its process, barring
1243 limited extenuating circumstances:
- 1244 a. The IFC website was regularly maintained with updated information as needed.
 - 1245 b. Area budgets were provided with sufficient time for IFC committees to review
1246 them and provide feedback.
 - 1247 c. IFC committees reviewed and were given the opportunity to provide feedback to
1248 areas regarding the budgets and presentations prior to the area presenting to the
1249 full IFC.
 - 1250 d. No fee-paying WOU student was expressly barred from participating in an IFC
1251 committee.
 - 1252 e. At least two open hearings were held during proper meetings of the IFC which
1253 were publicized with sufficient notice.
 - 1254 f. IFC members were properly trained early enough in the process to be able to
1255 diligently conduct their duties.
 - 1256 g. The IFC duly considered input from fee-paying WOU students in making its
1257 recommendation to the Senate and recommended a budget which serves to
1258 enhance the experience of WOU students at the university while remaining
1259 cognizant of the fee amount.
- 1260 4. Should the Senate determine that any of these requirements have not been met, it may
1261 reject the budget if the unmet requirement(s) are determined to have negatively impacted

1262 the right of students to be charged a fair and beneficent fee. Notice to the IFC of the
1263 Senate's rejection of the budget shall be accompanied, within three business days, by a
1264 written message from the Senate President stating the reasons for the Senate's rejection.
1265 If the Senate approves the IFC budget but believes certain requirements were unmet, the
1266 Senate may request the Senate President provide the IFC with a written message
1267 explaining its procedural deficiencies. Should the Senate reject the IFC's
1268 recommendations, a Joint Committee on Student Fees shall be formed within two
1269 business days of the Senate's rejection notice to the IFC. This Joint Committee shall be
1270 comprised of two Senators appointed by the Senate President, two members of the IFC
1271 appointed by the IFC Chair, the Senate President, and the IFC Chair. The ASWOU
1272 President shall preside as the chair of these meetings but may not vote. All members are
1273 to negotiate in good faith. The members of the Senate on the Joint Committee, as actors
1274 on behalf of the Senate during this process, may only recommend changes to the
1275 proposed budget regarding areas in which it has determined the IFC has disregarded
1276 concerns of students to the detriment of the greater fee-paying student body and line
1277 items which may be affected by these changes. Should no resolution be reached within
1278 five business days, the Senate's recommendation is to be forwarded to the University
1279 President within 36 hours. Members who do not agree with the Senate's recommendation
1280 shall be permitted to add an addendum to the Senate's report stating their dissension,
1281 provided it be sent to the Senate President within 24 hours.

1282 5. Should the Senate not consider the IFC's recommendations at the Senate meeting
1283 immediately following the IFC making its recommendations to the Senate, the IFC
1284 recommendations are, for all intents and purposes, approved by default and to be
1285 forwarded to the University President.

1286 6. While the IFC may establish for itself procedural requirements, those requirements shall
1287 not negate what requirements the Senate establishes for itself in this process, nor shall
1288 they add to those requirements without the consent of the Senate or, between its
1289 meetings, the Senate President.

1290 7. The rules of procedure contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order
1291 shall govern the Incidental Fee Committee and all of its committees in all cases in which
1292 they are applicable and consistent with the laws of the State of Oregon, ASWOU
1293 Governing Documents, and IFC Bylaws. The ASWOU Senate President or their
1294 representative shall serve as the parliamentarian for the IFC. If the Senate President is
1295 absent and has not appointed a representative, the IFC Chair may appoint a temporary
1296 parliamentarian.

1297 **ARTICLE VIII – ELECTRONIC MEETINGS**

- 1298 1. **ELECTRONIC MEETING GUIDELINES:**
- 1299 a. The ASWOU and its committees may call electronic meetings of the governing
1300 body of the ASWOU and its committees; these meetings may be held at a time
1301 and in a manner as determined by the Chair of each branch and committee. The

- 1302 meeting must allow for a call-in and conference camera option. Electronic
1303 meetings may only be held in a committee of the whole called by the Chair, in
1304 which the Chair shall continue to preside.
- 1305 b. The ASWOU and its committees shall establish their own electronic meeting
1306 guidelines to establish expectations of voting members which include but are not
1307 limited to the use of conference call cameras.
- 1308 c. Voting members of an electronic meeting shall abstain from using the chat feature
1309 to replace their speaking power unless they notify the Chair their rationale for
1310 using the chat feature. Any comments made in the chat must be included in the
1311 minutes.
- 1312 d. The Chair of each branch and committee shall provide the date, time, and link to
1313 the electronic meeting on the ASWOU website and the Engage event calendar by
1314 the second week of each term.

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1316 **ARTICLE IX — ASWOU BUDGET COMMITTEE**
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- 1318 1. To create the greatest benefit for students, the ASWOU Budget Committee is
1319 hereby created to ensure that monies allocated by the Incidental Fee to ASWOU
1320 are efficiently used in the fiscal year they are allocated by preparing a
1321 recommended budget through a decision-making process that is transparent, fair,
1322 and equitable for the students of ASWOU
- 1323 2. The responsibility to create and prepare the ASWOU Budget is vested in the
1324 ASWOU Budget Committee. The ASWOU President shall present the ASWOU
1325 Budget Committee’s recommended budget to the Senate for the Senate’s approval
1326 as outlined in Article III, Section 5.
- 1327 3. The ASWOU Budget Committee will be comprised of the ASWOU President,
1328 Director of Business and Finance, Director of Student Organizations, and two
1329 Senators appointed by the Senate President.
- 1330 a. The Director of Business and Finance serves as the Chair of the ASWOU
1331 Budget Committee. The Chair of the ASWOU Budget Committee shall only
1332 vote in the event of a tie.

1333 **ARTICLE X — FREEDOM CENTER BOARD**

- 1334 1. To create and establish the Freedom Center, a space for Black, Indigenous and students
1335 of color, the Freedom Center Board is hereby created.
- 1336 2. The Freedom Center Board shall be governed by the ASWOU Constitution and Bylaws.
1337 The Freedom Center Board may also create for itself bylaws, but no part of the Freedom
1338 Center Board bylaws may conflict with any part of the ASWOU Constitution and
1339 Bylaws.

- 1340 3. The rules of procedure contained in the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order
1341 shall govern the Freedom Center Board in all cases in which they are applicable and
1342 consistent with the laws of Oregon and ASWOU Governing documents.
- 1343 4. The Freedom Center Board shall be made up of the following voting members:
1344 a. Four (4) students at-large who are recommended by the Senate President and
1345 confirmed by the Senate shall serve for one year terms.
1346 i. Interested students shall apply with the Senate President and are subject to a
1347 majority approval of the Senate.
1348 b. One (1) ASWOU Senator who is appointed by the Senate President.
- 1349 5. The Freedom Center Board shall be made up of the following non-voting members who
1350 shall serve as advisors:
1351 a. Two (2) faculty members, two (2) staff members, one (1) community advisor and one
1352 (1) ASWOU advisor.
- 1353 6. All members whether voting or non-voting have the same privileges and rights of any
1354 member to be heard, and to participate fully in the Freedom Center Board meetings, with
1355 the exception of non-voting members, who shall refrain from making, seconding motions,
1356 and voting.
- 1357 7. All voting members of Freedom Center Board must be enrolled in six xcredit hours or
1358 more each term they serve as Freedom Center Board members and be in good judicial
1359 and academic standing at Western Oregon University.
- 1360 8. While the Freedom Center Board may establish for itself procedural requirements, those
1361 requirements shall not negate what requirements the Senate establishes for itself in this
1362 process, nor shall they add to those requirements without the consent of the Senate or,
1363 between its meetings, the Senate President.

1364 **ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**

- 1365 1. Unless otherwise allowed for therein or in the ASWOU Constitution, changes to the
1366 Bylaws may only be made through formal legislation of the ASWOU Senate and subject
1367 to those adoption procedures. Should legislation affect the same section or alter
1368 alphanumeric section labels referenced in concurrent legislation, the Judicial
1369 Administrator shall exercise careful discretion in updating the governing documents,
1370 requesting the guidance of the Senate President whenever in any doubt and subject to the
1371 clarification of the Senate.



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The Statute for ASWOU Chartered Organizations

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Preamble:

We, the Associated Students of Western Oregon University (ASWOU), in order to form a clearly outlined understanding between the ASWOU Government and its chartered organizations, do establish these standing rules, and do authorize the ASWOU Government to enforce and uphold the policies therein.

Article I – Organization Recognition Process

1. In order for an organization to be established as a chartered (officially recognized) organization under ASWOU, it must complete the chartering process outlined below.
 - a. Submit a charter and constitution for review by the eighth week of spring term, via the procedure established by the ASWOU Director of Student Organizations.
 - i. These documents are subject to approval by the Director of Student Organizations, the Judicial Administrator, and an ASWOU Advisor in concurrence with current internal policy and procedure.
 - ii. These documents must be approved by the organization’s President and Advisor in order to be approved by ASWOU.
 - iii. In order to re-charter, elections for club leadership for the following academic year must be complete.
 - iv. Newly forming organizations may submit a charter at any point in time.
 - v. No club may conduct any organized meetings or activities until the club charter has been fully approved.
 1. Petitions to meet for the purpose of discussing the charter and constitution may be made to the Judicial Administrator to be granted on a case by case basis.
 - vi. Chartered Organizations must have at least five active members (Incidental Fee paying students of Western Oregon University) to be eligible for approval.
 - b. All organizations must self-identify under one of the following three organizational tiers during the chartering process.
 - i. Funded Organization
 1. Any organization that receives funding from the IFC (Incidental Fee Committee) via ASWOU.
 2. Membership within these organizations must be open to all students.
 3. Must submit a Budget Planning Form with their constitution and charter.
 4. This tier takes precedence over affiliation.
 - ii. Non-funded Organization
 1. Any organization that does not receive funding from IFC via ASWOU.
 2. Is not affiliated with any campus departments or outside organizations.

- 62 iii. Affiliated Organization
63 1. Any organization that does not receive funding from IFC via
64 ASWOU.
65 2. Utilizes/receives resources from and/or follows a directive given
66 by a campus department or outside organization.
67 a. Resources as mentioned above include, but are not limited
68 to: use of rooms or building facilities, use of curriculum,
69 use of a logo or name, receipt of monetary funding, receipt
70 of leadership via staff.

71 **Article II – Constitutional Requirements**

- 72 1. All Chartered Organization constitutions must contain the following:
73 a. The purpose of the organization.
74 b. How to gain membership within the organization.
75 c. The titles, duties and powers of the officers within the organization.
76 d. The requirements to be eligible to run for office within the organization.
77 e. The selection and removal process for officers within the organization.
78 f. The length of the term of office for the officers within the organization.
79 g. Whether the organization collects dues.
80 i. If so, how much is paid to dues, where dues are deposited, and what dues
81 are used for.
82 h. How often the organization will hold meetings.
83 i. The process by which the constitution of the organization may be amended.
84 j. The process by which the organization would dissolve.
85 k. How debts, should any exist, will be recovered upon dissolution.
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87 **Article III – Responsibilities of Chartered Organizations**

- 88 1. Clubs are responsible for completing all trainings mandated by the Director of Student
89 Organizations and the Director of Business and Finance.
90 2. Club officers are required to complete the SafeZone training mandated by the Director of
91 Student Organizations and the Director of Business and Finance—effective Fall 2021
92 3. All general club meetings shall be open to all students unless otherwise stipulated in the
93 organization’s constitution.
94 a. All chartered organizations must be all inclusive at all times, and may have no
95 limitations on membership.
96 4. Organizations shall make their meeting times and locations available to the public, as
97 well as report them to the Director of Student Organizations by the second week of each
98 term of the academic year in order for a complete list of club offerings to be compiled.
99 5. Club mailboxes should be checked regularly in order to maintain communication
100 between Chartered Organizations and the WOU Campus.

- 101 6. Emails regarding club standing, infractions, and mandatory directives will solely be sent
102 to the primary and secondary contacts listed on the charter.
 - 103 a. Exceptions to this rule must be negotiated with the Director of Student
104 Organizations.
- 105 7. WOU and ASWOU policy infractions, or suspected policy infraction, is expected to be
106 reported to the ASWOU Judicial Administrator promptly.
 - 107 a. This report shall be informal unless submitted in writing.
 - 108 b. Any verbal reports will be considered informal and will be treated as an inquiry
109 by the ASWOU Judicial Administrator.
 - 110 c. The ASWOU Judicial Administrator and the Dean of Students reserve the right to
111 determine whether an infraction is eligible to be heard by the ASWOU Judicial
112 Board or the WOU Conduct Board.

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114 **Article IV – Process to Become a Chartered Organization**

- 115 1. An organization must be chartered for six consecutive terms, not including summer
116 terms, in order to be eligible to request funding from the IFC via ASWOU.
 - 117 a. Any Funded Organization which fails to renew their charter by the eighth week of
118 Spring Term (dissolves) automatically forfeits their funding, and must re-charter
119 for six consecutive terms in order to be considered as eligible for funding again.
 - 120 b. Any club may petition for an extension to this timeline. In the event of such an
121 extension, the petition will go before the Judicial Board with a written
122 recommendation made by the Director of Student Organizations.
- 123 2. Each Student Organization reserves the right to be present for their IFC budget request
124 and/or budget enhancement request presentation for the purpose of answering questions
125 and/or providing clarity to the IFC.
 - 126 a. The ASWOU Director of Business and Finance will notify all organizations
127 which have submitted a budget and/or enhancement request of the time and
128 location of the presentation of the ASWOU budget to the IFC.
- 129 3. Student Organizations which fail to submit a budget in a reasonable and timely manner,
130 as determined by the ASWOU Director of Business and Finance, grant ASWOU
131 permission to request no more than their base budget amount, with no enhancement
132 requests, and no amount less than 90% of their base budget.
 - 133 a. The ASWOU Director of Business and Finance will notify all organizations the
134 date on which all budget and enhancement requests are due with no less than two
135 weeks' notice.
 - 136 b. Any Student Organization which fails to submit a budget to the ASWOU Director
137 of Business and Finance for two or more consecutive years may receive cuts to
138 their base budget amount not to exceed more than 50%, and no enhancement
139 requests will be honored. Such Student Organizations may also be sent before the
140 Judicial Board for further sanctions at the discretion of the ASWOU Director of
141 Business and Finance.

- 142 4. Each club budget and enhancement request will be presented and considered along with
143 the internal budgets by the ASWOU Budget Committee, per the current IFC regulations.
144 a. Clubs that have enhancement requests must meet with the Director of Business
145 and Finance to discuss their enhancement.
146 i. Clubs and organizations that do not meet with the Director of Business
147 and Finance will have their enhancement request presented to the
148 ASWOU Budget Committee with a notification from the Director of
149 Business and Finance that the request should not be approved due to lack
150 of compliance.
151 b. The ASWOU Budget Committee has the ability to propose changes to base
152 budgets, not to exceed a 10% deduction, as well as to deny enhancement requests
153 due to: not following WOU spending policies and/or IFC guidelines, lack of
154 information, or the improper/irresponsible use of student fee dollars.
155 c. Each Student Organization reserves the right to be present for their IFC budget
156 request and/or budget enhancement request presentation for the purpose of
157 answering questions and/or providing clarity to the ASWOU Budget Committee
158 5. The ASWOU President can make changes to Student Organizations' enhancement
159 requests and base budgets based on recommendations from the ASWOU Budget
160 Committee.
161 a. Student Organizations will be given the chance to make any recommended
162 budgetary or enhancement changes, or raise objections prior to changes being
163 made by the ASWOU President.
164 b. Cuts to the Student Organization shall not exceed 10% of the base budget amount.
165 c. If a club's budget from the previous year contains more than 5% of its base
166 budget, then the club president and club advisor shall meet with the ASWOU
167 Director of Business and Finance and the ASWOU President prior to budget
168 submission to justify why requested funds were not spent.
169 i. If the previous year's budget contains more than 5% of the base budget for
170 two years in a row, the ASWOU President has the power to cut the
171 average amount that was not spent for the last two years from the club's
172 budget.
173 1. If the club's base budget gets cut due to lack of spending, they are
174 ineligible to submit any enhancement requests to the ASWOU
175 Director of Business and Finance that year.
176 ii. If a club does not spend 10% or greater of its base budget from the
177 previous year, the club must go before the Judicial Board to justify why
178 that money was not spent.
179 1. As a sanction, the Judicial Board has the power to cut the budget at
180 any percentage.
181 6. Article IV of the Statute for ASWOU Chartered Organizations shall be reviewed by
182 members of the Senate Rules Committee, the Senate Budget Committee, the ASWOU
183 Director of Business and Finance, and the ASWOU President at the conclusion of any
184 Incidental Fee Steering Committee to ensure compliance with current updated policies.

185 a. Any changes made to this document in order to ensure congruency with the new
186 IFC policies remain subject to the approval process outlined in Article IX.

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188 **Article V – Spending Procedures**

- 189 1. All Chartered Organizations are required to follow the WOU Business Office Purchasing
190 Policy and any other applicable guidelines set by the Business Office.
- 191 2. No ASWOU Chartered Organization is permitted to have private bank accounts off of the
192 campus of Western Oregon University.
- 193 a. Accounts which are handled by a parent or affiliate organization, are not directly
194 accessible by individual students within the organization, and are directly utilized
195 to fund the organization on the WOU Campus are allowable, but these accounts
196 must be disclosed to the ASWOU Director of Business and Finance and the
197 ASWOU Judicial Administrator. Furthermore, these organizations are not eligible
198 to receive IFC funds through ASWOU and must maintain affiliate tier status.
- 199 b. Any Chartered Organization which does not close private off campus bank
200 accounts will automatically have their charter revoked, and face judicial sanction.
- 201 3. No funds deposited within a state account may be used for donations/gifts/prizes or the
202 purchase of lottery tickets, weapons, or anything not intended to be immediately
203 consumed or kept on the WOU campus.
- 204 4. All revenue from an event/fundraiser in which any amount of state funds has been
205 utilized, including IFC funds, must be deposited within a state account according to the
206 WOU Cash Handling Policy.
- 207 5. In order to follow proper spending procedure, all documentation initiating the spending
208 of funds shall be completed and turned in to the Director of Business and Finance a
209 minimum of two weeks before the expenditure is slated to occur.
- 210 a. All travel documentation and contracts must be completed and turned in a
211 minimum of four weeks before the expenditure is slated to occur.
- 212 b. Any documentation turned in later than the minimum time stated above runs the
213 risk of not being approved.
- 214 c. All expenditures must be approved before making transactions. Failure to do so
215 will result in ineligibility for reimbursement, and possible additional Judicial
216 Board sanctions.
- 217 6. No member of the Executive Branch is granted the authority to deny or change a
218 Chartered Organization’s request for expenditure unless it violates Federal Law, State
219 Laws and Regulations, ASWOU Policy, or Western Oregon University Policy in regards
220 to the use of state funds, or if the exact requested expenditure, not pre-planned budget,
221 would result in the account having a negative balance. If the expenditure request violates
222 mentioned law or policy, or would result in a negative balance, the Executive Branch
223 member in charge of approving the request will give the Chartered Organization the
224 opportunity to amend their request to be in line with law, policy, or prevention of a
225 negative balance.

- 226 a. Only the President and Vice President of a chartered organization may make
227 travel requests, purchasing requests, or reimbursement requests. These
228 organization officers must have gained their position according to their
229 organization's constitution. Organization officers must be identified by either the
230 Director of Student Organizations or the Director of Business and Finance.
231 b. In the event that a student who has not been identified as an officer of the
232 organization has made a budget request, the ASWOU President, the ASWOU
233 Vice President, the Director of Student Organizations, the Director of Business
234 and Finance, the Judicial Administrator, and the Senate President shall have the
235 power to deny the budget request. If a chartered organization mistakenly spends
236 money before the associated purchase request has been approved, the Director of
237 Business and Finance may recommend to the Judicial Board that the organization
238 be reimbursed for their expenses; the Judicial Board shall then have final
239 determination on the matter.
- 240 7. No Chartered Organization's budget, or part of a Chartered Organization's budget, may
241 be adjusted, withheld, suspended, transferred, or reapportioned in any manner by any
242 ASWOU Branch once a Chartered Organization's budget has been established and
243 approved by the IFC except through due process by the ASWOU Judicial Branch for
244 organizational misconduct.
- 245 a. Transactions initiated and/or approved by a Chartered Organization through the
246 regular course of business shall not fall under these requirements or limitations.
247 b. In the case of organizational misconduct, reducing or eliminating funding shall be
248 a last resort, will be absorbed into the Student Organization Director's Account
249 (ASW 937), and shall be utilized in a way that benefits all chartered
250 organizations.
- 251 8. All funded organizations are responsible for tracking their funding and expenditures.
252 a. The Director of Business and Finance will keep detailed records of expenditures
253 and funding sources, but shall not serve as a treasurer to any Chartered
254 Organization.
- 255 9. If a funded club overdrafts their account, funding needed to balance the account will be
256 subtracted from the next year's IFC allocation.
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258 **Article VI – ASWOU Internal Travel Policies**

- 259 1. All ASWOU Chartered Organizations are required to follow all WOU Travel Policies.
260 2. If an ASWOU department or organization has a travel expense which totals over \$999.00
261 of IFC money in overall expenses, a predetermined advisor must accompany the students
262 on the trip.
- 263 a. The overall expenses include traveling costs, registration fees, meals, and any
264 other expenses that are compiled over the course of the trip, or used toward the
265 trip.

- 266 b. The advisor may be the ASWOU department or organization’s formal advisor, or
267 any other Western Oregon University employee that is approved by the formal
268 advisor in their absence.
- 269 c. It is up to the ASWOU department or organization to cover the cost of taking the
270 advisor.
- 271 i. The IFC will not be held responsible to ensure the ASWOU department or
272 organization has the funds to take an advisor. However, they may present
273 and request funds from the IFC Extraordinary Travel Fund.
- 274 d. If an ASWOU department or organization wishes, they may request to waive this
275 policy by petitioning the ASWOU Judicial Board for an exemption.
- 276 i. This petition must be submitted a minimum of six weeks prior to the travel
277 being slated to occur.
- 278 ii. This petition must give detailed reasoning as to why bringing an advisor is
279 not possible.
- 280 iii. The application for this exemption may be obtained from the Judicial
281 Administrator, and shall include but not be limited to the following
282 information: the department/organization’s name, travel destination, total
283 IFC funding being utilized, purpose of travel, agenda for travel, and
284 reasoning/explanation for not bringing an advisor.
- 285 e. If the post travel expense is over \$999.00, and an exemption from the Judicial
286 Board was not previously granted, the organization is subject to judicial
287 sanctioning.
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289 **Article VII – Accessibility and Inclusivity**

- 290 1. All event and meeting advertising (by poster, electronic devices, or electronic event
291 pages) for ASWOU Chartered Organizations must include this disability statement: “If
292 you have a disability that may require some accommodation in order to participate in a
293 Western Oregon University activity, please notify the Office of Disability Services at
294 503-838-8250 or ods@wou.edu at least 72 hours in advance.” Whether the advertising is
295 done on a poster, social media, or electronic devices around the WOU Campus, all
296 ASWOU Chartered Organizations shall attempt to advertise at least five days in advance
297 for their organization’s events.
- 298 a. In the case of social media or online profiles, the Disability Statement must be
299 present on all home/profile pages, but are not required to be present within every
300 post/interaction.
- 301 2. Every WOU student and each member of any ASWOU Chartered Organization has the
302 right to be free from discrimination inclusive of, but not limited to, the following areas:
303 race, color, national ancestry, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender
304 expression, sex, age, individuals with mental and/or physical disabilities, and based on
305 citizenship or immigration status.
- 306 3. All organizations shall strive to hold general meetings in locations which meet
307 accessibility guidelines.

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Article VIII – Dissolution of Chartered Organizations

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1. ASWOU defines dissolution as a Chartered Organization failing to renew their charter for the following academic year by the eighth week of spring term.

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a. An organization may also vote to dissolve via a formal vote amongst the club members, and according to the dissolution policies outlined in their club constitution.

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b. If a Chartered Organization’s members vote to dissolve the organization, the President of the Organization is responsible for informing the Director of Student Organizations and providing ASWOU with the results of the formal vote within 48 business hours.

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2. Any funds remaining in the Chartered Organization’s account will be rolled over into the ASWOU Student Organization Director’s Account (ASW 937) upon its dissolution.

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a. Every effort will be made to utilize the funds in a way in which it benefits the students and the Chartered Organizations at Western Oregon University.

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Article IX – Approval of Additions to the Statute of ASWOU Chartered Organizations

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1. All policies pertaining to chartered organizations, not enacted through Executive Order, shall be codified within this statute.

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2. Changes may only be made to this document upon formal legislation being brought before the Senate.

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a. These legislative changes will be subject to the bill adoption timeline outlined in Article IV of the ASWOU Bylaws.

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i. The bill adoption timeline may not be shortened at any point in time if the legislation alters this document.

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b. These legislative changes require a two-thirds majority approval in order to move forward in the adoption process.

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c. All clubs must be made aware of the changes presented to the Senate within 24 hours of their presentation, and invited to the next Senate meeting to voice their opinion and/or concern on the matter.

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i. Clubs will be permitted to voice their opinions, whether in person or in writing, on these changes while they are being deliberated within the Senate.

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3. All changes approved by the Senate must also be approved by a simple majority of the Judicial Board in order to move forward in the adoption process.

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a. Judicial review, in these cases, will encompass constitutionality as well as the implications on Chartered Organizations and whether those implications are justifiable and proper.

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- 348 i. Constitutionality challenges to changes within this document are not
349 subject to the *writ of certiorari* process outlined in Article V of the
350 ASWOU Bylaws.
- 351 b. If the legislative changes are not approved by the Judicial Board, the reasoning for
352 the disapproval shall be returned to the Senate in writing at the subsequent Senate
353 meeting, and the legislation will be null and void.
- 354 4. Once approved by the Senate and the Judicial Board, changes must be signed into law by
355 the Senate President, the Judicial Administrator, and the ASWOU President.
- 356 a. The ASWOU President retains their power of veto, and must follow the veto
357 process outlined in Article IV of the ASWOU Bylaws.
- 358 5. Once signed into law, the change will go into full force and effect, and are not subject to
359 an approval vote by the student body unless otherwise recommended by a governing
360 branch.