

Los Angeles Trade-Technical College

Constitutional Preamble

We, the students of Los Angeles Trade Technical College, in order to guide and encourage cultural, social, scholastic and athletic activities, to promote the general welfare of the students, and to provide representation in Student Government, do hereby establish this Constitution, and assume the powers of self-government delegated by the president of the college.

Article I - Name

The name of this association shall be the Associated Students Organization, known as the ASO of Los Angeles Trade Technical College.

Article II - Membership

Section 1. The membership shall consist of all students officially enrolled in Los Angeles Trade Technical College upon purchase of the Associated Students Organization identification card.

Section 2. The cost of the Associated Students identification card shall be determined by the Los Angeles Community College District. The ASO Finance Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity in determining the cost.

Article III - Scholastic Requirements for Students Active in Student Government

Section 1. All voting students in Student Government, Vice President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Historian, Commissioners, and Senators are obligated to maintain a "C" average or better during their tenure in office, the exception being that of the ASO President, Vice President, and Treasurer who must have a 2.5 grade point average at the time of election and maintain a 2.0 as well as nine units.

Section 2. When each student petitions to become a candidate for student body office, he/she must become familiar with parliamentary procedures. Each candidate should be prepared to devote a minimum of 5 hours a week in Student Government performing the duties of their office.

Section 3. Upon notification that any elected officer or council member has not maintained a 2.0 grade point average or has not met the requirement of nine units, the ASO advisor will advise the ASO Executive Board to initiate procedures for the removal of the student from Student Government.

Article IV - Organization

Section 1. Those students elected as department representatives are eligible as members of the Student Government. Those elected will be known as Senators. Those elected are required to participate in every discussion and will vote in all matters of Student Government.

- A. Students must purchase a student body identification card.
- B. Students must present a written letter from the department chair verifying their selection.

Section 2. Other voting members of Student Council are known as Commissioners. The Commissioners are: Athletics, Campus Beautification, Public Relations, Cultural Activities, Fundraising, Health, Social Activities, Student Service, and Campus Safety.

Article V - Officers

Section 1. The elected officers shall be a president, Vice President, Treasurer, Historian, and Parliamentarian. These officers along with the Association's advisor shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Recording Secretary shall receive an hourly salary out of the Association's budget. This is an appointed position by the ASO president or general consensus of the Executive Board with the approval of the advisor. The secretary must attend all Student Government and Executive Board meetings. The Recording Secretary participates in discussions but does not vote.

Section 3. Any nine unit student meeting the required grade point average shall be considered eligible for office except that of the President, Vice president, and Treasurer.

A. In the event of a vacancy of the position of President after the general election:

1. The current ASO President shall continue in office if he/she has not exceeded the maximum semesters of eligibility or
2. The newly elected Vice President, he/she will automatically become President or
3. If the Vice President is ineligible or declines, the position will be offered to the other officers in descending order, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Historian.
4. In the event of extraordinary circumstances, the President of the college in conjunction with the Student Advisor and the newly elected ASO officers will select someone to fill any unwanted position.

B. Any other vacant office shall be voted on by members of Student Council.

- Section 4. The Student Government shall appoint an Election Committee. This committee abides by the outline in the ASO by-laws. The ASO advisor must be a voting member of this committee.
- Section 5. Candidates qualified for office shall be nominated at least 10 weeks prior to the end of the Spring Semester. Candidates are nominated by a petition signed by a minimum of forty students enrolled in a minimum of nine units.
- Section 6. A general assembly or open forum shall be held to introduce the candidates to the student body. During the forum, nominees shall state their qualifications for office. All candidates must follow guidelines established in the ASO by-laws during their campaign.
- Section 7. Voting for qualified candidates will take place in various areas throughout the campus. The duration of the times the voting polls are open shall be determined by the election committee.

Article VI - Meetings

- Section 1. Regular meetings of the Student Government shall be determined by a majority vote of the active Student Government during the semester being served.
- Section 2. Regular attendance shall be required at all meetings. Three unexcused absences shall warrant expulsion from the Student Government. The Executive Board shall determine what absences are excusable.

Article VII - Amendments

- Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the students voting in a campus wide election.
- Section 2. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a two-thirds vote of the Student Council.
- Section 3. Such proposals must be in writing and shall be made public at least ten school days before voting.

*Approved by the Student Council on October 11, 1990.

*General Election - October 22 & 23, 1990

*Ratified on October 24, 1990.