

The Associated Student Body

Article I. Organization of the Associated Student Body

Section 1. This body shall be known as "The Associated Student Body of the Tulane University of Louisiana," hereinafter referred to as the ASB.

Section 2. The membership of the ASB shall be all persons who are registered as either full- or part-time students in the University.

Section 3. The ASB shall be represented by:

- A. a President
- B. and two Houses:
 - 1) the Undergraduate Student Government ("USG"); and,
 - 2) the Graduate and Professional Student Association ("GAPSA")
 - 3) The USG Assembly and the GAPSA Assembly shall have the same proportional basis of representation.
 - (a) Each division of the USG shall be required to elect one (1) Senator-at large and one (1) Senator for every two hundred (200) full-time students or fraction thereof in excess of one-half (1/2), and one for every one thousand (1000) part-time students enrolled in that division.
 - (b) Each division of the GAPSA shall be required to elect one (1) Assembly Representative-at large and one (1) Assembly Representative for every two hundred (200) full-time students or fraction thereof in excess of one-half (1/2), and one for every one thousand (1000) part-time students enrolled in that division.
 - (c) The number of USG Senators allowed for each division of the USG and the number of GAPSA Assembly Representatives allowed for each division of the GAPSA shall be verified by the Executive Vice Presidents of the USG and GAPSA, respectively, according to enrollment figures at the end of each academic year.

Article II. The Associated Student Body President

Section 1. Election

The President of the ASB shall be elected by the entire Tulane student body.

Section 2. Prerequisites for Seeking and Retaining the Office of ASB President

In order to qualify as a candidate for the office of ASB President, a student must:

- A. Be registered as a student of the University.
- B. Have been a student at the University for at least two regular semesters at the time of the election.
- C. Have an intention to be a student of the University for the full school year during the term of office.

Section 3. Rules and Procedures for the Election of the ASB President:

- A. All elections shall be by simple majority and by secret ballot.
- B. Candidates must follow the specific procedures as defined in the ASB Bylaws, and:
 - 1) Have an official intention to run filed by a date and in a place specified by the ASB Election Committee; and
 - 2) At the same time and place, submit a letter from the appropriate dean stating that the candidate meets eligibility requirements.
- C. The ASB President may not hold any other elected or appointed office within the ASB or subsidiary organization, except for those incidental to the position of ASB President.

Section 4. Powers and Duties

- A. The ASB President shall:
 - 1) Serve as the presiding officer of joint sessions of the USG Senate and the GAPSA Assembly and of joint meetings of the Executive Cabinet of the USG and the GAPSA Executive Council.
 - 2) Serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the USG Senate, the GAPSA Assembly, and each Student Organization Council;
 - 3) Serve as a representative to the Board of Administrators, the University Senate, and selected University Senate Committees as required by or as per the Constitutional Bylaws of those bodies;
 - 4) Represent undergraduate and graduate students to the University administration.

- 5) Work to facilitate communication and cooperation between the USG Assembly and the GAPSA Assembly.
 - 6) Have the power to convene a Presidents' Council, consisting of the presidents of the student governments of each University division.
 - 7) Appoint student representatives to University committee seats that are not specifically designated as graduate or undergraduate. Such appointments shall be confirmed by the Joint Executive Cabinet.
- B. ASB Chief of Staff
- 1) The ASB President shall be assisted by a Chief of Staff, appointed by the ASB President on the advice of the presidents of the two Houses, and confirmed by the Joint Executive Cabinet.

Section 5. Budget for the Office of the ASB President

- A. The budget of the ASB President's Office shall be an amount of one percent (1%) of current student activity fee receipts of all Tulane students.
- B. The ASB President shall submit the budget for the ASB President's office to the ASB Joint Session for approval at the last scheduled ASB Joint Session of the spring semester.
- C. Such budget may include an allocation for special projects, which need not be specified at the time of budget approval.

Section 6. Removal from Office

- A. An ASB President who fails to perform the duties of Office as set forth in this document or who abuses the Office for personal ends may be removed by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the ASB Joint Session.
- B. The vote for impeachment may not be called until the allegations have been read in both Houses of the ASB or until the allegations have been read in a previous ASB Joint Session meeting:
 - 1) The question of removal may be brought to the floor by either a motion of a USG Senator or GAPSA Assembly Representative or the presentation of a petition signed by 10% of the Tulane student body.
- C. A question of Presidential impeachment takes immediate precedence over all other business until tabled, and becomes the first item of business at the ASB Joint Session.
- D. Before the ASB Joint Session may vote on the question of impeachment of the ASB President, both the President and the petitioner must receive the opportunity to speak.
- E. Such removal shall be undertaken in executive session, under the rules and procedures provided by Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 7. Absence or Vacancy

- A. In the case of the temporary absence of the ASB President, the Joint Executive Cabinet shall appoint a person or persons to assume the powers and duties of the office of ASB President during the President's absence.
- B. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the ASB President:
 - 1) The Joint Executive Cabinet shall appoint a person or persons to assume the powers and duties of the office of ASB President until elections can be held.
 - 2) The election to fill a vacancy in the office of the ASB President shall be held as follows:
 - (a) If the vacancy occurs prior to November 1, the position shall be filled by general election.
 - (b) If the vacancy occurs after this time, the ASB Joint Session shall elect a new ASB President by a 2/3 majority vote.

**Article III.
ASB Elections**

Section 1. ASB Election Committee

Supervision of the election of the ASB President and any referendum to amend this Constitution shall be conducted by the ASB Election Committee.

- A. The ASB Election Committee shall be comprised of three persons appointed by the USG Assembly and three persons appointed by the GAPSA Assembly.
 - 1) The ASB Election Committee shall elect a Chair from among its members by a majority vote.
- B. The ASB Election Committee shall review and approve the qualifications of each candidate for ASB President before it shall enter his name on the official ballot.
- C. The ASB Election Committee shall conduct and certify the results of the election for the ASB President and ASB referenda.
- D. The ASB Election Committee is empowered to enact and enforce such additional rules, regulations, and penalties as it deems necessary.
- E. The ASB Election Committee shall have broad appellate jurisdiction of review for any election conducted by any ASB recognized body, student government or organization.
- F. A decision of the ASB Election Committee may be appealed to the Elections Appeals Court.

Section 2. ASB Election Appeals Court (EAC)

- A. The purpose of the ASB EAC is to hear all appeals relating to elections. The jurisdiction of the EAC is not limited to elections for office, appeals from referenda are specifically included.
- B. Composition
 - 1) The ASB President, who shall serve as chair and vote only in the event of a tie;
 - 2) Two (2) students, other than members of the USG Executive Cabinet, appointed by the USG Assembly;
 - (a) such representatives shall be selected at the first USG Assembly meeting in the fall by USG Senate presidential nomination and USG Assembly approval.
 - 3) Two (2) students, other than members of the GAPSAs Executive Council, appointed by the GAPSAs Assembly;
 - (a) such representatives shall be selected at the first GAPSAs Assembly meeting in the fall by GAPSAs presidential nomination and GAPSAs Assembly approval.
 - 4) The Vice President for Student Affairs, or her/his representative; and
 - 5) The USCSA Chair, or her/his representative.
- C. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the ASB EAC, and must include one non-student representative, as designated in Section 2(b) above.
- D. Decisions of the EAC:
 - 1) Shall be based on all factors;
 - 2) May provide any remedy or relief;
 - 3) Shall be determined by a majority of those present;
 - 4) Shall be determined by secret ballot;
 - 5) Shall be final and may not be further appealed; and
 - 6) Shall be made in an expeditious manner.

Article IV.

The Undergraduate Student Government

Section 1. The Undergraduate Student Government is vested with exclusive authority of student government regarding students classified by the University as undergraduate students, and the divisions of the University classified as undergraduate divisions.

Section 2. The Undergraduate Student Senate shall be governed according to Title II of this Constitution.

Section 3. Neither the Undergraduate Student Government, the USG Assembly, nor any of the Executive Cabinet or elected members of the USG Assembly shall exercise any power or authority or speak for any division of the University that are not governed by the Undergraduate Student Government Senate.

Article V.

The Graduate & Professional Student Association

Section 1. The Graduate and Professional Student Association is vested with exclusive authority of student government regarding students classified by the University as graduate or professional students, and the divisions of the University classified as graduate or professional divisions.

Section 2. The Graduate and Professional Student Association shall be governed according to Title III of this Constitution.

Section 3. Neither the Graduate and Professional Student Association, the GAPSAs Assembly, nor the GAPSAs Executive Council or elected members of the GAPSAs Assembly shall exercise any power or authority or speak for any division of the University that are not governed by the Graduate and Professional Student Association.

Section 4. Undergraduate students shall have the right to participate fully in all student organizations that fall under the umbrella of the Graduate Business Council.

Article VI.

Interrelation of the Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate and Professional Student Association

Section 1. Each House of the ASB shall function as its own student government regarding issues of exclusive concern relating to its constituent divisions.

- A. Each House shall have its own budget;
- B. Each House shall have its own allocation from the University;
- C. Each House shall govern its own divisions;
- D. Each House shall elect its own representatives to University committees and other bodies;
- E. Neither House shall have authority over the other House.

Section 2. The Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate and Professional Student Association shall cooperate on matters of importance to both Houses.

- A. Each House shall submit a copy of the minutes of its legislative proceedings, as well as copies of any and all legislation enacted to the other House within one week of its approval.

Section 3. To promote the unity of the Associated Student Body, the President of the ASB shall be the only person authorized to speak and act for the entire student body, undergraduate and graduate students alike.

- A. In doing so:
 - 1) the ASB President must recognize and respect the differences and diversity between the undergraduate and graduate students' needs and interests;
 - 2) If the general interests of undergraduate and graduate students diverge, the ASB President must clearly identify both the undergraduate and the graduate positions to the University Administration;
 - 3) The ASB President must act in a fair, equitable and unbiased manner with regards to balancing the interests of undergraduate and graduate students, and must not favor the one group over the other.
- B. If there is a sharp divergence in the interests of the USG and the GAPSA on a particular issue or resolution, the President or her/his designee from the House that does not represent the division in which the ASB President is enrolled, shall have the option of equal representation and attendance with the ASB President in any and all interaction with the University Administration on that particular issue.

Section 4.

- A. The ASB President shall be a non-voting member of each House of the ASB.
 - 1) The ASB President shall attend each meeting of the Undergraduate Student Government Senate and the Graduate and Professional Student Association Assembly.
 - 2) At each meeting, the ASB President shall report to each House the general state of the ASB, as well as the activities of the other House.
 - 3) The ASB President shall have full speaking and debating privileges in each House of the ASB.
 - 4) The ASB President shall work to facilitate communication and cooperation between the two Houses.

Section 5. To facilitate communication between the two Houses, the executive members and the elected representatives of the Undergraduate Student Senate and the GAPSA Assembly will have speaking privileges in the other House.

Section 6. The ASB President shall chair a meeting of the Executive Cabinet from the USG and the Executive Council from the GAPSA at least once each month, while the Legislative Houses of the ASB are in session. If necessary, the ASB President, as his or her discretion, can call a special Joint Executive meeting upon 48 hours notice to each member of the Executive Cabinet from the USG and the Executive Council from the GAPSA.

- A. Such Joint Executive meetings shall be used to discuss, but shall not be limited to, the following:
 - 1) Issues of mutual concern to undergraduate and graduate students;
 - 2) The activities and programs of each House;
 - 3) Proposed, or pending, joint or concurrent resolutions of the Associated Student Body;
 - 4) The call of a Joint Session of the USG Assembly and the GAPSA Assembly;
- B. The Emergency Powers exercised by the Executive Cabinet of the USG, as provided in Title II, Article II, and the Executive Council of the GAPSA, as provided in Title III, Article 4, may be coordinated should the nature of the emergency affect the student body as a whole.

Section 7.

- A. The legislative body of each House may enact legislation as provided by the respective Titles of this Constitution.
- B. Such legislation can not violate the spirit or letter of any provision of this Constitution.
- C. In addition to the procedures provided for in Title II and Title III of this Constitution, the Houses may pass the following forms of legislation:
 - 1) Concurrent Resolutions:

- (a) In matters concerning or relating to the student body as a whole, or concerning or relating to both undergraduate and graduate students, the two Houses of the ASB may pass a Concurrent Resolution;
 - (b) Such Concurrent Resolution shall be passed by concurrent simple majorities of each House in identical form.
 - (i) Concurrent Resolutions or similar legislation which allocates funds for the benefit of the student body as a whole must be identical in form, but need not have identical monetary allocations from each House. This provision shall apply to General Fund allocations as well as Reserve Fund allocations.
- 2) Joint Resolutions:
- (a) In matters concerning or relating to the student body as a whole, or concerning or relating to both undergraduate and graduate students, the two Houses of the ASB may pass a Joint Resolution;
 - (b) Such Joint Resolution shall be passed by a Joint Session of both Houses of the ASB, according to the procedures set out in Article VII, below.
- D. All legislation enacted by either House of the ASB must be submitted to the ASB President and the other House of the ASB within one week of its enactment.

Article VII. ASB Joint Session

Section 1. Joint Session of the USG Assembly and the GAPSA Assembly

- A. A Joint Session of the USG Assembly and the GAPSA Assembly shall be called twice per semester to address issues of mutual concern for both Houses.
- B. The Joint Executive, as described in Section 6, above, may call additional meetings of the Joint Session of the USG Assembly and the GAPSA Assembly upon a two-thirds majority vote.
 - 1) During such a vote, only 6 executive officers of the GAPSA and 6 executive officers (USG President, and the five USG Vice-Presidents) shall be accorded a vote;
 - 2) Notwithstanding the two-thirds majority vote requirement, at least two executive officers from the USG and two officers from the GAPSA must vote in favor of a Joint Session in order for the vote to pass.
- C. The call for a Joint Session of the USG Assembly and the GAPSA Assembly must be sent to each member of the USG and the GAPSA at least seven days before such meeting. The call must specify the time, location, and exact purpose of the meeting.
 - 1) No business shall be transacted at a Joint Session except that mentioned in the call.
 - (a) This restriction may be waived by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the USG Assembly and the GAPSA Assembly, voting separately.
- D. No resolution, act or other legislation may be approved by the Joint Session of the USG Assembly and GAPSA Assembly except upon a two-thirds majority vote of the Joint Session. Members of the Executive Cabinet of the USG and the GAPSA Executive Council shall not be accorded a vote during such Joint Sessions.
- E. No resolution, act or other legislation may be approved by the Joint Session which allocates money, or causes money to be allocated.
 - 1) The sole exception to this prohibition is a Joint Session Reserve Fund Request.
 - 2) Such a Joint Session Reserve Fund Request:
 - (a) Must be for an allocation that benefits the entire student body, both undergraduate and graduate students;
 - (b) The request must be in a form that provides for appropriation from the USG Reserve Fund and the GAPSA Reserve Fund in exact proportion to the constituent population of student activity fee paying students of each respective House.
 - (c) Approval requires a two-thirds majority vote.

Article VIII. Associated Student Body Finance

Section 1. The Associated Student Body General Fund

- A. This fund shall be University property.
- B. The ASB Fund shall have two separate accounts:
 - 1) One account shall be maintained under the authority and responsibility of the Undergraduate Student Government operating through the Undergraduate of Student Government Finance Committee as provided in Title II, Article VIII.

- (a) The Undergraduate Student Government Account shall consist of:
 - (i) income from the Student Activities fee assessed to the students in the divisions of the University included in Title II, Article III, Section 1(A), and
 - (b) The University allocation to the Undergraduate Student Government.
- 2) The other account shall be maintained under the authority and responsibility of the Graduate and Professional Student Association operating through the GAPSAs Finance Committee as provided in Title III, Article III, Section 5.
 - (a) The GAPSAs Account shall consist of:
 - (i) income from the Student Activities fee assessed to the students in the divisions of the University included in Title III, Article 2, Section 3, and
 - (ii) The University allocation to the GAPSAs.

Section 2. Use of ASB General Fund

- A. Authority and Responsibility
 - 1) Each House of the ASB shall have the exclusive authority and responsibility to maintain its respective account of the ASB General Fund.
 - 2) The ASB General Fund may only be used to finance the following organizations and activities:
 - (a) The Student Organization Councils;
 - (b) The student governments, including the ASB, the Undergraduate Student Government, and the Graduate and Professional Student Association;
 - (c) The officially recognized student organizations that are eligible for funding.
 - 3) While this fund may be used to purchase equipment, i.e., those non-expendable items which neither lose their identity nor are consumed in the normal course of operation by student organizations, ultimate ownership of such equipment shall vest in the House that allocated funds for the equipment. If the equipment was purchased with funds from both Houses, then the ownership shall vest in the ASB.
- B. Structural Allocation
 - 1) The GAPSAs Assembly budget shall include a Structural Allocation return to the USG for services that the USG provides which benefit the entire student body, including graduate students.
 - 2) Such Structural Allocation shall be at least ten percent of current student activity fee receipts of the constituent members of the GAPSAs Assembly.

Section 3. Student Activity Fees

- A. Assessment
 - 1) All students shall be assessed the entire Student Activity Fee except as otherwise provided by this Constitution;
 - 2) Part time students, graduate students studying at the Medical School and students of the school of Public Health and Tropical Medicine shall be assessed one half of the fee to the nearest one half dollar.
 - 3) Full-time and part-time status shall be determined by the respective division.
 - 4) No fee will be assessed for Summer School, for the School of Graduate Medicine, for University College students studying on the North Shore Campus, or the executive MBA students in Alexandria.
 - 5) Variations in the above assessment provisions may be made as per subsection (c) below.
- B. Collection
 - 1) Payment of the fee shall be the same legal obligation as the University Fee.
 - 2) The fee shall be collected by the Bursar's Office of the University for the ASB.
 - 3) The fee shall be collected once each semester at the time of registration.
- C. Increase or Decreases to the Student Activity Fee
 - 1) Any increase or decrease in the fee requires concurrent approval of:
 - (a) The Finance Committee of the USG;
 - (b) The USG Assembly;
 - (c) The Finance Committee of the GAPSAs;
 - (d) The GAPSAs Assembly;
 - (e) The ASB in referendum;
 - (f) The University Senate Committee on Student Affairs (USCSA),
 - (g) The University Senate; and
 - (h) The Board of Administrators.
 - 2) For an increase or divisions constituting less than the whole University, the procedure in subsection (1), above, shall be modified as follows:
 - (a) Only the Finance Committee and Senate or Assembly vote of the House that represents the division(s) requesting an increase must approve the increase.
 - (b) Instead of an ASB referendum, there shall be a referendum only in those divisions involved.

- (c) Nothing in this section shall preclude a decrease applying to one or more particular divisions, but such selective decrease must have the approval of the division involved, as well as that of the entire ASB and each of the other bodies listed in subsection (1) above.
- D. Approval by the student groups indicated in Section 3(c)(1), above, shall be by a simple majority.

Article IX. Freedom of Information

Section 1. Declaration of Public Policy

It is vital in a democratic society that public business be performed in an open and transparent manner so that the electors shall be advised of the performance of public officials and of decisions that are reached in public activity and in making public policy. Toward this end, this Article is adopted, making it possible for the public, or their representatives, to learn and to report fully the activities of their public officials.

Section 2. Definitions

- A. The "public" for the purposes of this Article refers to any and all members of the ASB.
- B. "Public records" are writings, recorded sounds, films, tapes or data compilations in any form:
 - 1) Required to be kept by this Constitution or the Bylaws adopted by ASB-funded organizations that are not inconsistent with this Constitution, or
 - 2) Otherwise kept and which constitute a record of the performance or lack of performance of official functions which are or should be carried out by a public official, ASB-funded organization, or any other agency wholly or partially supported by ASB funds or expending ASB funds, or recognized by the ASB.
 - 3) All records maintained in public offices or by public officials within the scope of their official capacity shall be presumed to be public records.
- C. "Public Meetings" are the meetings of any organization, Student Organization Council, committee, or agency of the ASB that has received or is in the process of receiving recognition, when the purpose of the meeting includes any action that results in the expenditure of funds, the enactment or amendment of policies, rules, or other organizational practice, or any other action that requires formal or informal vote by any or all of the members present, whether by individual casting, consensus, or by other means.

Section 3. Private Documents

It is the specific intent of this Article that medical and scholastic records; unpublished working papers relating to counsel given students by such organizations as Peer Support Network, Peer Tutoring, and Tulane Legal Assistance Program; unpublished memoranda, working papers and correspondence of the ASB President, the GAPSA President, the Undergraduate Student Senate President, Undergraduate Student Senate and GAPSA Executives, and Undergraduate Student Senators and GAPSA Assembly Representatives; documents which are protected from disclosure by order or rule of court; files, which if disclosed, would give advantage to competitors or bidders; documents of the Residence Hall Association's Residential Review Board; and other similar records which by law are required to be closed to the public, shall not be deemed to be made open to the public under the provisions of this Article.

Section 4. Examination and Copying of Public Records

- A. Except otherwise specifically provided herein, by laws now in effect, or laws hereinafter specifically enacted to provide otherwise, all public records shall be open to inspection and copying by any student member of the ASB during the regular business hours of the custodian of the records.
- B. Reasonable access to public records and reasonable comforts and facilities for the full exercise of the right to inspect and copy such records shall not be denied to any student member of the ASB.
- C. If a public record is in active use or in storage and, therefore, not available at the time a student asks to examine it, the custodian shall certify this fact in writing to the applicant and set a date and hour within three working/business days, at which time the record will be available for the exercise of the right given by the Article.

Section 5. Open Public Meetings

- A. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, all general meetings, formal or informal, special or regular, of the governing bodies of all student organizations, and all boards, bureaus, committees, or organizations set up, funded or recognized by the ASB shall be a public meeting, except as provided for by Section 6, below.
- B. The time and place of each regular meeting shall be furnished to any student member of the ASB who requests the information. These meetings shall be open to any member of the student body wishing to attend.
- C. This article does not necessarily allow the public to hold the floor in any public meeting, and disruption by the public of the normal progress of the meeting may be cause for dismissal from the meeting room.

Section 6. Closed Meetings

- A. Closed meetings will be permitted for the purpose of considering employment, impeachment procedures, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of any organization officer or employee or other internal matters, as designated by the organization's bylaws. Closed meetings shall also include any judicial hearings such as the Residence Hall Association's Residential Review Board.
- B. Persons being interviewed by an organization may be present at the closed meeting when so requested by the governing board, committee, or other public body holding the closed meeting.
- C. Closed meetings must never be called for the purpose of defeating the reason or spirit of this Article.
- D. No resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation, or motion considered or arrived at in a closed meeting will be legal unless, following such meeting, the public body presents and votes on such resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation, or motion.

Section 7. Enforcement

Any student member of the ASB denied the rights granted to him or her by this Article may appeal immediately from such denial to the ASB President, the Undergraduate Student Senate, the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, or to the Student Organization Council that governs the organization to which the grievance is charged. Upon written application of the interested party, it shall be mandatory upon the ASB President, the Undergraduate Student Senate, the GAPSA Assembly, or to the Student Organization Council having jurisdiction to fix and assess a day the petition is to be heard within seven days of the date of the application of the petitioner, or the next regularly scheduled meeting, and to hear and determine the case.

Article X. Interpretation

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority and shall govern the ASB in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution, or any special rules of order the Undergraduate Student Senate or the GAPSA Assembly may adopt.

Section 2.

- A. Where there is a question of interpretation of the meaning of this Constitution the question shall be resolved by a majority vote as follows:
 - 1) Interpretations of Title I of this Constitution shall be resolved by a two-thirds majority vote of the USG Assembly and the GAPSA Assembly sitting in Joint Session or by a Joint Resolution passed concurrently by the USG Assembly and the GAPSA Assembly by a majority vote.
 - 2) Interpretation of Title II of this Constitution shall be resolved by a majority vote of the USG Assembly;
 - 3) Interpretation of Title III of this Constitution shall be resolved by a majority vote of the GAPSA Assembly.
- B. Such interpretation shall be construed in the manner which most nearly adheres to the parliamentary authority.
- C. Amendments shall not be interpreted to make substantive changes in this Constitution unless such is specifically stated.
- D. The Constitutional interpretation resolved under this Section may be appealed to the Constitutional Interpretation Appeals Court, as provided in Section 3 of this Article.

Section 3. ASB Constitutional Interpretation Appeals Court

- A. Final authority for the interpretation of the Constitution of the Associated Student Body, and legislation enacted under the authority of the ASB Constitution, is vested in the Constitutional Interpretation Appeals Court. The Constitutional Interpretation Appeals Court shall be comprised of the following members:
 - 1) The ASB President;
 - 2) One representative from the USG Executive;
 - (a) Such representative shall be selected at the first USG Assembly meeting in the fall by USG Assembly presidential nomination and USG Assembly approval.
 - 3) One representative from the GAPSA Executive;
 - (a) Such representative shall be selected at the first GAPSA Assembly meeting in the fall by GAPSA presidential nomination and GAPSA Assembly approval.
 - 4) One representative of the USG Assembly;
 - (a) Such representative shall be selected at the first USG Assembly meeting in the fall by USG Assembly presidential nomination and USG Assembly approval.
 - 5) One representative of the GAPSA Assembly;

- (a) Such representative shall be selected at the first GAPSA Assembly meeting in the fall by GAPSA presidential nomination and GAPSA Assembly approval.
- 6) The Vice President for Student Affairs, or her/his representative;
- 7) The Director of the Tulane Legal Assistance Program, or her/his representative; and
- 8) The Chairman of the University Senate Committee on Student Affairs or her/his representative.
- B. The ASB President will serve as chair of this body and will only vote in the event of a tie.
- C. The Decisions of the Constitutional Interpretation Appeals Court:
 - 1) Shall be based on the rule of law;
 - 2) Shall be determined by a majority of those present;
 - 3) Shall be determined by a secret ballot;
 - 4) Shall be final and may not be further appealed; and
 - 5) Shall be made in an expeditious manner.

Article XI. Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended according to the following procedure:

- A. Title I of the Associated Student Body Constitution:
 - 1) An amendment to Title I or any multiple Titles of this Constitution must be presented to the entire ASB in referendum if:
 - (a) After previous notice in each House, it is approved by a concurrent (within 45 days) majority vote, of those voting members present and voting, by both Houses of the Associated Student Body; or
 - (b) A petition requesting such referendum is presented to the ASB President, signed by no less than ten percent (10%) of the students of the University.
 - (i) The ASB Election Committee must certify or deny such petition within ten days of its submission.
- B. Title II of the Associated Student Body Constitution:
 - 1) An amendment to Title II of this Constitution must be presented to the undergraduate students of the ASB in referendum if:
 - (a) After previous notice, the USG Assembly approves the amendment by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those Senators present and voting; or
 - (b) A petition requesting such referendum is presented to the ASB President, signed by no less than ten percent (10%) of the undergraduate students of the University.
 - (i) The ASB Election Committee must certify such petition.
- C. Title III of the Associated Student Body Constitution:
 - 1) An amendment to Part III of this Constitution must be presented to the graduate and professional students of the ASB in referendum if:
 - (a) After previous notice, the GAPSA Assembly approves the amendment by a majority vote of those Representatives present and voting; or
 - (b) A petition requesting such referendum is presented to the ASB President, signed by no less than ten percent (10%) of the graduate and professional students of the University.
 - (i) The ASB Election Committee must certify such petition.
- D. No amendment to Title II of this Constitution shall contradict, directly or indirectly, any provision of Title III of this Constitution without said amendment being presented to the entire Associated Student Body pursuant to Section 1, above.
 - 1) The ASB Election Committee shall determine whether a such a contradiction exists.
 - 2) The decision of the ASB Election Committee may be appealed to the ASB Elections Appeals Court.
- E. No amendment to Title III of this Constitution shall contradict, directly or indirectly, any provision of Title II of this Constitution without said amendment being presented to the entire Associated Student Body pursuant to Section 1, above.
 - 1) The ASB Election Committee shall determine whether such a contradiction exists.
 - 2) The decision of the ASB Election Committee may be appealed to the ASB Elections Appeals Court.

Article XII. Enactment

Section 1. This Constitution shall supersede all previous constitutions of the Associated Student Body and shall become effective on the day after it is approved by the Board of Administrators of the Tulane Education Fund. The following procedure shall be followed for the enactment of this and any subsequent constitutional amendments:

- A. The Associated Student Body, through its governing structures and amendment procedures described in Title I, Articles I and VIII, above, will make a proposal.
- B. The USCSA will consider the proposal and make its recommendation to the ASB.
- C. The ASB and the USCSA should make every effort to agree on a draft.
- D. The ASB shall adopt a proposal.
- E. The ASB shall submit its proposal to the USCSA in time for it to make a recommendation.
- F. The University Senate will approve or recommit the proposal. Recommitment will be as per (b) through (e) above.
- G. The approved proposal will be submitted to the ASB in referendum. Failure to be approved at this juncture will cause the matter to be returned to the ASB.
- H. The approved proposal will be submitted to the Board of Administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund. Failure to be approved at this juncture will cause the matter to be returned to the ASB.

Definitions

The following terms are used throughout this Constitution:

- * ASB – Associated Student Body of Tulane University
- * Assembly – The GAPSA Assembly
- * Board of Administrators – The Board of Administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund.
- * Division – A school or college of the University
- * GAPSA – The Graduate and Professional Student Association
- * Graduate – A student, or body of students, classified as a graduate student by the University, or enrolled in a post-graduate or graduate professional division of the University.
- * Joint Session – A joint meeting of the USG Assembly and the GAPSA Assembly.
- * Representative – A student representative in the Graduate and Professional Student Association Assembly
- * Senate – The Undergraduate Student Government Assembly
- * Senator – A student Senator in the Undergraduate Student Senate
- * Student Government – Those student governments which have been recognized as the representative student government of a division by the dean and faculty thereof.
- * Undergraduate – A student, or body of students, classified as an undergraduate student by the University, or enrolled in an undergraduate division of the University.
- * University – The Tulane University of Louisiana
- * USCSA – University Senate Committee on Student Affairs
- * USG – Undergraduate Student Government