

**CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS  
OF NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY**

**PREAMBLE**

5 We, the students of Northern Arizona University, viewing our primary goal as the pursuit of education, do hereby establish this Association of students to provide a forum for student representation in matters of student concerns to Northern Arizona University, and we do hereby ordain and adopt this Constitution.

**ARTICLE I**

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Name

The name of this organization will be Associated Students of Northern Arizona University, also referred to as ASNAU.

**ARTICLE II**

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Purpose

The primary purpose of ASNAU is to serve as the representative student voice at the campus, local, state, and national levels for all undergraduate students at Northern Arizona University and to promote NAU and its activities.

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**ARTICLE III**

Membership

Members of ASNAU must be a full-time undergraduate student attending the Flagstaff Mountain Campus to uphold membership. In addition, members are expected to maintain a 2.75 Grade Point Average to remain in ASNAU.

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**ARTICLE IV**

Constituents

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Any full-time undergraduate, fee-paying, student at Northern Arizona University's Flagstaff Mountain Campus shall be considered a constituent and can therefore vote in any election and hold office.

## ARTICLE V

### Authority

35 Members of ASNAU shall be recognized as the official undergraduate student representatives of the University at the local, state, and national level.

## ARTICLE VI

### Executive Branch

40 The executive branch shall include the officers of the Executive Council and all other personnel and staff directly responsible to them.

#### **Section 1: Structure**

The Executive Council shall consist of the ASNAU President, Vice President of Student Advocacy, Vice President of External Affairs, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, 45 and Vice President of Public Relations. All of whom must be full-time, fee-paying students at Northern Arizona University Flagstaff Mountain Campus.

#### **Section 2: Quorum**

Quorum of the Executive Council shall consist of a majority of the voting members.

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## ARTICLE VII

### The Legislative Branch

The legislative branch shall include the Senate and all staff and personnel directly responsible to them, all of whom are Undergraduate fee-paying students on the Flagstaff Mountain Campus.

#### **Section 1: Structure**

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- A. The Senate shall consist of a Vice Chair, Senators, and the Chief Records Officer.
  - B. Senate Meetings must occur at least 7 times per academic semester.

#### **Section 2: Membership**

The Senate shall include 15 elected Senators to represent the entire Undergraduate student body.

#### **Section 3: Senate Committees**

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- A. The Senate will hold the following 3 committees during the academic year: Student Wellness, Academics, and Appropriations.

- B. The Senate can choose to create ad hoc committees for specific purposes, such as the Legislative Committee to amend the governing documents.

**Section 4: Quorum**

65 Quorum of the Senate shall consist of a majority of the voting members.

**ARTICLE VIII**

Salaries

70 All ASNAU Executive Council Members, Senators, and Staff shall receive compensation in line with the University's policy.

**ARTICLE IX**

Removal and Termination

75 Any ASNAU Member can be removed from office or terminated from their position according to the following procedures.

- A. All ASNAU Executive Officers, Senators, and Staff will be held to the NAU Code of Conduct and HR policies regarding employment.
- B. Any violation of governing codes will result in appropriate sanctions.
- C. The ASNAU Advisor and/or the Dean of Students will oversee the process, in  
80 conjunction with the employee's direct supervisor.

**Article X**

Elections

- A. All elections shall be held in accordance with the ASNAU Election Code.
- 85 B. General elections are held for the purpose of electing an ASNAU President, Vice President of Student Advocacy, Vice President of External Affairs, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Vice President of Public Relations, Senators, and to pass any amendments to the ASNAU Constitution or Election Code.

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**Article XI**

Terms of Office

- A. Any and all ASNAU elected officials shall hold a term, unless otherwise noted, in the ASNAU Constitution, of one year, beginning and ending at the ASNAU Inaugural Banquet.
- B. There shall be no term limits for any elected position within ASNAU.
- 95 C. No member of ASNAU may hold more than one elected office.
- D. Terms for appointed officials shall conclude in the academic year in which they were appointed.

## **Article XII**

### Vacancies and Line of Succession

#### 100 **Section 1: Vacancy Succession**

In the case of a vacancy within the Office of the President, the Vice President of Student Advocacy shall become the President. Should both offices become vacant simultaneously the Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion shall become the President. If the three offices become vacant simultaneously, the Vice President of Public Relations shall become the  
 105 President. If the four offices become vacant simultaneously, the Vice President of External Affairs shall become President.

#### **Section 2: Vacancy Procedures**

- A. In the case of a temporary absence of the President, the procedure shall follow the  
 110 vacancy succession listed above. In the event that all of these individuals are absent simultaneously, the President shall appoint a Senator to temporarily represent them.
- B. In the case that all positions in the line of succession for President become vacant, the Senate shall, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, approve a new President from their membership.
- C. All vacancies for Executive, Senate, and Staff positions must be advertised to the entire student body.

#### 115 **Section 3: Special Elections**

All special elections shall be under the discretion of the Elections Commission and shall be held in accordance with the procedures established in the ASNAU Election Code.

## **Article XIII**

### 120 **Bylaws**

ASNAU Bylaws shall be established to include the rules, duties, and authority for all ASNAU officials and affiliates. The Bylaws shall be binding unless in conflict with the ASNAU

Constitution or local, state, and federal laws under which they operate. The Bylaws of ASNAU shall be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote in favor of the amendment by all the ASNAU Senate.

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### **Article XIII**

#### Constitutional Authority

The ASNAU Constitution shall be binding over any and all legislation, enactments, and mandates made previous to the adoption of the Constitution.

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### **Article XIV**

#### Amendments to the Constitution

#### **Section 1: Origin**

Amendments to the Constitution may originate through:

- A. Any member of the legislative branch.
- B. A petition containing the signatures of no less than fifteen (15) percent of all constituents of ASNAU. The petition shall be presented to the Senate upon the verification of the signatures by the Elections Commission.

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#### **Section 2: Confirmation**

All amendments must be confirmed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASNAU Senate for ratification.

#### **Section 3: Ratification**

Proposed amendments must be put to a vote before all constituents of ASNAU.

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#### **Section 4: Enactment**

A ratified amendment shall take effect on the date specified in the amendment or, if no date is specified, shall take effect immediately.

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### **Article XV**

#### Constitutional Enactment

The ASNAU Constitution shall have full force and effect as of May 1, 2023.