

RESOLUTION No. 2011-12-1

AUTHORED BY:

AS Executive Committee

REFERRED TO:

AS COUNCIL

ACTION APPROVED: October 3, 2011

SUBJECT:

An Act to Amend the Associated Students Constitution and

Administrative Code

Whereas,

The Associated Students Executive Committee recognizes the need to centralize Governmental Relation efforts into one committee structure,

therefore;

BE IT ENACTED,

by the Associated Students Council that the following changes are made to the Associated Students Constitution and Administrative Code.

AS CONSTITUTION - ARTICLE III - SECTION A.

2. Powers and Duties of the President:

- a. Serves as the official representative of the Association.
- b. May propose legislation to the A.S. Council.
- c. Chairs the Executive Committee
- d. Co-Chairs the Humboldt State Associated Students Lobby Corps.
- **e.d.** May line-item veto Associated Students Budget and Code legislation.
- **f.e.** Makes appointments to committees and boards of the Association, unless otherwise specified by this constitution.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Section 4. The California State Student Association (CSSA) Representatives

4.08 In consultation with the A.S. President, the duties of the CSSA Representatives shall be split as follows:

One CSSA Representative shall:

a. Chair the External Affairs Committee, Co-Chair the Humboldt State
Associated Students Lobby Corps with the A.S. President, and Vice Chair

the Voter Registration and Education Commission;

Concentrate on external affairs.

The other CSSA Representative shall:

- a. Chair the Voter Registration and Education Commission and Vice-Chair the External Affairs Committee, and Vice-Chair the Humboldt State-Associated Students Lobby Corps.
- b. Concentrate on internal affairs.

4.09 Both CSSA Representatives shall:

- a. Attend CSSA meetings on a monthly basis;
- b. Attend bi-weekly ASC meetings;
- c. Attend Associated Students Council fall, weekend orientation/retreat
- d. Provide the A.S. Council with complete and timely information and reports regarding meetings, pending state and national legislation affecting higher education and issues involving the CSU system;
- e. Be as active as possible, keeping current on any issues of importance;
- f. Coordinate arrangements for any council members that also wish to attend CSSA meetings as the budget may provide
- g. Coordinate arrangements for council members (and other interested students) that wish to attend the California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS) conference;
- h. Serve through the CSSA transitional meeting in June;
- i. Develop the CSSA budget request for the following year.
- j. Co-Chair the Associated Students Lobby Corps

Section 5. Voter Registration and Education Commission

- 5.01 The Voter Registration and Education Commission shall register student voters and present issues and candidates to the student body.
- 5.02 The Voter Registration and Education Commission shall be chaired by the CSSA Representative who shall enlist the aid of members of the A.S. Council and other interested students to assist in fulfilling the purpose of the commission.

Section 12. Humboldt State Associated Students Lobby Corps

The Humboldt State University Associated Students Lobby Corps mission is to shall be responsible for working closely with HSU Associated Students and to lobby on behalf of the students at Humboldt State University, develop relationships with elected officials that represent HSU students and increase participation in elections through Voter Registration and Education initiatives. and the Association in regards to specific issues that are affecting our University and the North Coast.

- The Humboldt State University Associated Students Lobby Corps shall be Co-Chaired by the A.S. President and the CSSA Representatives and shall have six students appointed by the AS Council as outlined in the AS Committee Handbook.
- The four (4) students at large shall be appointed by the AS President in consultation with the CSSA Representatives. The students at large shall be confirmed by a majority of council.
- 12.03 The Co-Chairs will be responsible for:
 - a. Coordinating the meetings of the Associated Students Lobby Corps
 - b. Arranging travel for the Associated Students Lobby Corps
 - c. Scheduling and organizing effective training for the Lobby Corps.
 - d. Staying abreast on current issues and legislation effecting higher education in the CSU system and at Humboldt State University.
- 12.04 The AS President and CSSA Representative shall:
 - a. Be responsible for the general coordination of The Humboldt State
 University Associated Students Lobby Corps including formulation of
 meetings;
 - b. Conduct interviews for the candidates for the student at large positions in which some level of lobbying or communication skill has been demonstrated:
 - c. Schedule and organize a mandatory "lobby training" early in the fallsemester for The Humboldt State University Associated Students Lobby-Corps members and open to the Associated Students Council;
 - d. Schedule and organize a mandatory "effective communications training" early in the fall semester for The Humboldt State University Associated Students Lobby Corps members and open to the Associated Students Council:
 - e. Attend AS Council meetings and report to the Council regarding the progress of the HSU Lobby Corps;
- 12.04 The Lobby Corps will be responsible for coordinating voter registration drives and may also coordinate voter education opportunities that present issues and candidates to the student body. Two appointed members of the Lobby Corps will work closely with the Co-Chairs to develop and organize voter registration and education.
- 12.05 The duties of the Co-Chairs shall be split as follows:

<u>The AS President</u> shall be responsible for staying abreast on campus specificissues and informing the committee on these issues.

<u>The CSSA Representative</u> shall be responsible for staying abreast on California State University wide issues and informing the committee on these issues.

- 12.05 The Lobby Corps will lobby on behalf of students at HSU on priority legislation identified by the California State Student Association Board and/or on issues identified by the CSSA Representatives in consultation with the AS President. The Lobby Corps may provide input or recommend a position on state and federal issues for the AS Council to consider. Two appointed members of the Lobby Corps will work closely with the Co-Chairs to develop and organize annual lobbying efforts on behalf of the Associated Students.
- 12.06 In consultation with the AS President and the CSSA Representatives, the duties of the four (4) students at large shall be split as follows:

Two (2) Students at Large members shall:

- a. Specialize and focus on the California Senate through research and staying abreast on current issues;
- b. Organize and attend monthly communications with the local office for our district Senator;
- c. Organize and attend three (3) Sacramento lobby visits, two (2) in the Falland one (1) in the Spring, in cooperation with The Humboldt State-University Associated Students Lobby Corps membership;

d. One (1) student shall:

- i. Focus on higher education issues affecting Humboldt State;
- ii. Research, watch, and organize lobby appointments with the Senate Committee for Higher Education and all other Senate members who have an influence on higher education issues.

e. One (1) student shall:

- i. Focus on an issue as deemed necessary and pertinent to the students at Humboldt State University and the North Coast by The Humboldt State University Associated Students Lobby Corps membership in consultation with the Associated Students Council;
- ii. Identify Senate committees pertinent to the aforementioned issue;
- iii. Research, watch, and organize lobby appointments with the identified Senate Committees and all other Senate members who have an influence on the issue.

Two (2) Students at Large members shall:

- f. Specialize and focus on the California Assembly through research and staying abreast on current issues;
- g. Organize and attend monthly communications with the local office for our district Assembly member;
- h. Organize and attend three (3) Sacramento lobby visits, two (2) in the Falland one (1) in the Spring, in cooperation with The Humboldt State University Associated Students Lobby Corps membership;

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 - i. Focus on an issue as deemed necessary and pertinent to the students at Humboldt State University and the North Coast by the The Humboldt State University Associated Students Lobby Corps membership in consultation with the Associated Students Council;
 - ii. Identify Assembly committees pertinent to the aforementioned issue;
 - iii. Research, watch, and organize lobby appointments with the identified Assembly Committees and all other Assembly members who have an influence on the aforementioned issue.
- 12.06 The Lobby Corps will maintain relationships with elected officials outside of the University that represent HSU students. The Lobby Corps may provide input or recommend a position on local issues for the AS Council to consider. Two appointed members of the Lobby Corps will work closely with the Co-Chairs to monitor local issues that affect students and develop relationships with local governmental bodies.

Legislative Vice President