

**THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE
ASSOCIATED STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
AVERY POINT CAMPUS**

PREAMBLE

We, the Undergraduate students of the University of Connecticut's Avery Point Campus, in the name of independent, democratic governance and leadership, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution. We affirm that our elected representatives will protect and uphold our stake in the University. With grace and humility, our leaders shall amplify our voice in order to establish a welcoming, diverse, and safe environment for all.

MISSION STATEMENT

To advance the social, academic, and personal growth of all Avery Point students by building an inclusive, vibrant, and empowering campus culture.

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ARTICLE I: NAME, PURPOSE, AND POWERS

1. Name

- a. The official name of this organization shall be “The Associated Student Government of the University of Connecticut at Avery Point,” hereinafter referred to as the “ASG.”

2. Affiliation

- a. The ASG is not affiliated with any local, state, or national organization.
- b. The ASG is local to the Avery Point campus.

3. Purpose

- a. To represent the interests of the Avery Point student body, hereinafter referred to as the “student body,” with the administration of the University of Connecticut.
- b. To represent the interests of the student body with the community.
- c. To disburse funds of the ASG.
- d. To supervise all student activities funded by the ASG and oversee the finances of organizations receiving funds from the ASG.
- e. To promote cooperation between the Avery Point campus, the main campus, and the other regional campuses.
- f. To empower and develop the leadership abilities of both elected members and the student body at large.
- g. To place engaging and inclusive activities within reach for the student body.

4. Powers

- a. The ASG shall be the primary voice of the Avery Point student body.
- b. The ASG reserves the right to create and amend its own Constitution and By-Laws.
- c. The ASG reserves the right to pass legislation in accordance with its jurisdiction and goals.
- d. The ASG reserves the right to utilize its funds within the parameters of University rules and regulations.
- e. The ASG reserves the right to preside over and rule on matters pertaining to Avery Point student activities.

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ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

1. Eligibility
 - a. All Avery Point students who pay the Student Activities Fee and are in good academic standing are eligible for election or appointment to an ASG position.
 - b. Students with split registration between campuses, but who are taking the majority of their credits at Avery Point, are eligible for election or appointment to an ASG position.
2. Elected Officers
 - a. There shall be two elected officers within the Executive Board: the President and the Vice-President.
 - b. There shall be eight elected officers within the Elected Board.
3. Appointed Officers
 - a. There shall be two appointed officers within the Executive Board: the Treasurer and the Secretary.
 - b. There shall be one appointed officer within the Judicial Board: the Justice of the ASG.
4. Other Positions
 - a. There shall be other positions within the ASG, although they shall not be considered officers.

ARTICLE III: ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

1. Officer Elections

- a. There shall be two elections a year.
- b. All officers shall be elected in the Spring, except for the Vice-President and at least one Elected Board member.
- c. The Fall election shall be held within the first four weeks of classes during the Fall semester. The Vice-President, at least one Elected Board member, and any other vacant positions from the Spring shall be elected during this time.
- d. Terms of all elected officers shall last one year.
- e. There shall be no limit on the number of terms one student may serve.
- f. At least twenty-five percent of the student body must participate in an election to make it valid.
- g. The Justice of the ASG will oversee elections in conjunction with the Advisor of the ASG.

2. Appointments and Vacancies

- a. Vacancies resulting from a member's resignation or removal from office shall be filled by appointment by the President and with a majority vote of approval by the Elected Board.
- b. Officers must resign in writing.
- c. Any position that remains unfilled after the Fall election shall be appointed by the President and with a majority vote of approval by the Elected Board.
- a. The offices of Treasurer and Secretary shall be filled by the President's appointment with a majority vote of approval by the Elected Board.
- d. The office of Justice of the ASG shall be filled by the President's appointment with a unanimous vote of approval by the Elected Board.
- e. The position of Justice of the ASG shall serve until they resign or are removed from office.
- f. All other positions shall be appointed at the discretion of the President unless otherwise stated.
- g. Members of the Elected Board shall be eligible for appointment to the Executive Board without resigning their seats.

3. Removal From Office

- a. Officers shall be removed from office if they violate University law, laws set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws, or fall out of good academic standing.
- b. The procedure for officer removal shall be as follows:
 - i. The Advisor of the ASG shall give written, formal notice to the member at risk of removal notifying them that they must meet with them within seven

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- days.
- ii. If the Advisor of the ASG believes removal is warranted, they shall notify the Justice of the ASG and the Executive Board, who will hold a confidential hearing for the member at risk of removal.
- iii. The Executive Board will vote on whether the member shall be officially removed following the hearing.
- iv. The Justice of the ASG shall notify the Elected Board immediately of the results of the hearing.
- c. The Justice of the ASG shall review all office removal procedures to guarantee fairness and adherence to the Constitution and By-Laws.

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ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. Overview

- a. The Executive Board shall consist of four officers: the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.
- b. The Executive Board shall be charged with creating the agenda for all Elected Board meetings.
- c. The Executive Board shall be charged with carrying out the legislation approved by the Elected Board.
- d. The Executive Board shall be charged with addressing all pressing matters pertaining to the ASG.

2. Powers and Functions of the Student Body President

- a. They shall be the official spokesperson of the student body.
- b. They shall be the primary liaison between the student body and the University administration.
- c. They shall create agendas for and preside over Executive Board meetings.
- d. They shall oversee all areas of the ASG.
- e. They shall coordinate the execution of all ASG governing documents.
- f. They shall nominate a student, subject to approval by the Elected Board, to serve as Justice of the ASG.
- g. They shall nominate students, subject to approval by the Elected Board, to serve in vacant offices.
- h. They shall appoint students to fill other positions within the ASG as specified by the Constitution and By-Laws.
- i. They shall establish standing committees, subject to approval by the Elected Board.
- j. They shall create and dissolve ad hoc committees at their discretion.
- k. They shall be the sole individual with the power to sign and enact all legislation of the ASG.
- l. They shall assist the Vice-President in leading the monthly Council of Leaders meeting.
- m. They shall work with the Treasurer to oversee the ASG budget.

3. Powers and Functions of the Student Body Vice-President

- a. They shall assist the President in the performance of their duties.
- b. They shall preside over all Elected Board meetings.
- c. They shall cast the tie-breaking vote on all Elected Board affairs.
- d. They shall assign Sub-Board membership for all members of the Elected Board.
- e. They shall be the primary liaison between the ASG and all Registered Student Organizations.
- f. They shall assume the role of Chairperson of the Council of Leaders.
- g. They shall assume the office of the President in the event the President is no longer

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able to perform their duties or if they resign from office.

- h. They shall reserve the right to bring forth their own agenda at any meeting.
 - i. They shall work with the Treasurer and the Advisor of the ASG to propose projected budgets and oversee semester budget meetings.
- 4. Powers and Functions of the Student Body Treasurer
 - a. They shall assist the President in the performance of their duties.
 - b. They shall prepare and propose a budget for each semester to the Elected Board.
 - c. They shall maintain a record of all expenditures and receipts of ASG and of all recognized student organizations that are allotted funds by the ASG.
 - d. They shall inform the ASG of its financial status at every meeting.
 - e. If both the President and Vice-President leave office for any reason, the Treasurer shall assume the office of President.
- 5. Powers and Functions of the Student Body Secretary
 - a. They shall assist the President in the performance of their duties.
 - b. They shall record attendance at all ASG meetings.
 - c. They shall maintain a calendar of events.
 - d. They shall record meeting minutes and publish them online in less than twenty-four hours of each meeting.
 - e. They shall maintain a record of all meeting minutes and ASG members' contact information.
 - f. They shall handle all correspondence concerning the ASG.

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ARTICLE V: ELECTED BOARD

1. Overview

- a. The Elected Board shall consist of eight officers.
- b. The President and Vice-President shall be considered ex officio members of the Elected Board.
- c. The Vice-President shall cast the tie-breaking vote on all Elected Board affairs.
- d. The Elected Board shall be charged with the approval of all legislation regarding funding, statements of position, appointments, committee creation, and anything else unless otherwise stated in the Constitution and By-Laws.

2. Powers and Functions of Elected Board Members

- a. They shall vote on all matters brought to the Elected Board.
- b. They shall have authority over all matters concerning the allocation of funds.
- c. They shall have the authority to propose amendments to all legislation brought to the Elected Board.
- d. They shall have authority over the approval of appointments, as defined in the Constitution and By-Laws.
- e. They shall regularly interact with the student body at large and make efforts to prioritize student welfare.
- f. They shall regularly attend the meetings of at least one registered student organization other than the ASG.
- g. They shall be a member of at least one Sub-Board
- h. They shall be a member of at least one standing committee.
- i. They shall attend all Elected Board meetings.

3. Programming Sub-Board

- a. There shall be a Sub-Board dedicated to event programming.
- b. The Programming Sub-Board shall consist of at least half of the total number of members of the Elected Board as assigned by the Vice-President.
- c. The Chairperson of the Programming Sub-Board shall be elected from among the assigned members at the first meeting of each semester.
- d. The Chairperson of the Programming Sub-Board shall prepare agendas for and preside over all meetings.
- e. The Programming Sub-Board shall be charged with overseeing all committees pertaining to event programming.
- f. The Programming Sub-Board shall be charged with proposing events to the Elected Board.
- g. The Programming Sub-Board shall be charged with guaranteeing the proper execution of all events sponsored by the ASG.

4. Advocacy Sub-Board

- a. There shall be a Sub-Board dedicated to student advocacy.

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- b. The Advocacy Sub-Board shall consist of at least half of the total number of members of the Elected Board as assigned by the Vice-President.
- c. The Chairperson of the Advocacy Sub-Board shall be elected from among the assigned members at the first meeting of each semester.
- d. The Chairperson of the Advocacy Sub-Board shall prepare agendas for and preside over all meetings.
- e. The Advocacy Sub-Board shall be charged with overseeing all committees pertaining to student welfare and advocacy efforts.
- f. The Advocacy Sub-Board shall be charged with proposing advocacy ventures to the Elected Board.
- g. The Advocacy Sub-Board shall be charged with guaranteeing the proper execution of all advocacy efforts sponsored by the ASG.

ARTICLE VI: JUDICIAL BOARD

1. Overview
 - a. The Judicial Board shall consist of the Justice of the ASG.
 - b. For any period there shall be no Justice of the ASG, the Advisor of the ASG shall take on the responsibilities of the Judicial Board.
2. Powers and Functions of the Justice of the ASG
 - a. They shall oversee ASG elections to guarantee that the democratic processes established by this Constitution and By-Laws are adhered to.
 - b. They shall review all office removal charges to ensure adherence to University and ASG policies.
 - c. They shall rule over all matters pertaining to the ASG Constitution and By-Laws.
 - d. They shall serve in their role until they resign or are removed from office.

ARTICLE VII: REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

1. Interactions

- a. All Avery Point clubs and registered student organizations (hereinafter referred to as “RSOs” or “clubs”) shall be recognized as subsidiaries of the ASG.
- b. The Vice-President shall be the primary liaison between all RSOs and the ASG.
- c. All RSOs shall request funds to cover expenses for events and purchase relevant materials and all such requests are subject to approval by the Elected Board.
- d. Any allotted funds that are not used in the respective academic semester will not roll over.

2. Council of Leaders

- a. There shall be a Council of Leaders, which will act as an advisory body to the ASG.
- b. The Council of Leaders shall review the funding policies, event management, and advocacy efforts of the ASG to ensure that the interests of all RSOs are represented.
- c. The Council of Leaders shall meet monthly, at the discretion of the Vice-President.

3. Council of Leaders Membership

- a. The Vice-President shall be the Chairperson of the Council of Leaders.
- b. The membership of the Council of Leaders shall be composed of the Presidents and Co-Presidents of all RSOs on the Avery Point campus.
- c. Members of the Council of Leaders shall automatically assume their role when they enter into the Presidency of their RSO.
- d. All RSO advisors shall be ex officio members of the Council of Leaders.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

1. Overview
 - a. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Statutes and any other rules governing the ASG.
2. Executive Board Meetings
 - a. Executive Board Meetings shall be held weekly, unless noted otherwise, at the discretion of the President.
 - b. Attendance of all Executive Board members is mandatory unless excused by the President.
 - c. Unless otherwise stated within the Constitution and By-Laws, only officers shall be considered voting members of the Executive Board.
3. Elected Board Meetings
 - a. Elected Board meetings shall be held weekly, unless noted otherwise, at the discretion of the President.
 - b. A quorum, which is equal to the simple majority of filled offices, shall be necessary to convene an Elected Board meeting.
 - c. Robert's Rules of Orders is the general authority of matters not specifically covered in the Constitution and By-Laws.
 - d. Unless otherwise stated within the Constitution and By-Laws, all legislation shall be adopted only if it receives a simple majority of votes from a quorum of the elected officers.
 - e. Sub-Board meetings shall be scheduled at the discretion of the respective Chairperson.
 - f. All officers may not miss more than three Elected Board or Sub-Board meetings per semester unless granted special permission by the President. If a member does not meet this requirement, they will be subject to removal from office.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS AND REFERENDUMS

1. Amendments

- a. Constitutional amendments shall be proposed by any member of the student body to the Executive Board.
- b. Any proposed changes to the Constitution shall:
 - i. Be passed by a two-thirds majority of the Elected Board.
 - ii. If approved, be posted to the student body for four consecutive days.
 - iii. Be ratified by a majority of the total votes cast by the student body.

2. Referendums

- a. The student body shall have the right to demand a referendum on the actions of the ASG already initiated, or to impel the ASG to a specific action.
- b. At least twenty percent of the student body must sign a petition to make a referendum valid.
- c. A majority of total votes cast shall be required for passage, which in turn shall effect the reversal of ASG action or cause the ASG to take specific action.

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ARTICLE X: ENABLING CLAUSE

1. This Constitution shall be in force and effect immediately upon its ratification by the Elected Board, Avery Point student body, and the University of Connecticut, thereby replacing the former Associated Student Government Constitution.
2. Signed,

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Evan Keith

Athletics Chair

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Lauren Presti

Social Media Chair

x_____

Rahsan Grant

Student Relations Chair

x_____

Elizabeth Morse

Special Events Chair

x_____

Ava Gauthier

Entertainment Chair

x_____

William Benoit

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair

x_____

Tyler Sowers

Chief of Staff to the President

x_____

Madison Andrus,

Student Body Secretary

x_____

Katherine Pavlou

Student Body Treasurer

x_____

Evan Childs

Student Body Vice-President

x_____

Zachary Joseph Boudah

Student Body President