

**Compton College
Associated Student Government Constitution**



PREAMBLE

We, the students of Compton College, do hereby establish this Constitution and Bylaws to encourage student responsibility, self-governance, and to contribute to the general welfare of the Compton College.

We know that by participating, respect, and communication with the students, administration, faculty and the community, we can take charge of our destiny and make a better future for ourselves, and our community.

The Governing Board for Compton Community College District have authorized the organization of the Associated Student Government of Compton College as an independent body in accordance with the limitations set forth by the Education Code of California (Ed. Code Sections 76060-76067).

The Student Senate of the California Community Colleges has recognized the Associated Student Government of Compton College as an independent body with the same benefits and privileges as the other associated student bodies of the accredited colleges of the California Community College System.

ARTICLE I

NAME, COLORS, MASCOT AND EMBLEM

Section I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Associated Student Government of Compton College, hereafter to be commonly referred to as "ASG".

Section II: COLORS

The colors of the organization shall be maroon and black.

Section III: MASCOT

The mascot of this organization shall be the Tartar.

Section IV: EMBLEM

The emblem of this organization shall be the ASG logo.

ARTICLE II

MISSION AND PURPOSE

Section I: MISSION

The mission of the ASG is to share similar and unique backgrounds, nurture growth, foster leadership, encourage responsibility and promote equity and inclusion. ASG creates culturally diverse activities, leadership opportunities, school spirit, and pride in students achieving their educational goals.

Section I: PURPOSE

The purpose of the ASG shall be:

- To provide a governing body committed to effective student participation in all areas of concern for students.
- To communicate student concerns to the ASG from administration, faculty, classified, and students.
- To promote student support services and coordinate activities for the entire student body.
- To promote the development of student leadership and service.
- To advance common interests and concerns as students.
- To promote a positive campus environment.

ARTICLE III

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY

Section I: All interpretations of this Constitution, the Bylaws, Policies or Executive Orders shall be determined by the ASG.

Section II: This Constitution shall be considered the final authority and supersede any chartered club constitution at Compton College.

Section III: This Constitution, either in part or in whole, may be preempted by the Constitution of the United States of America or the California State Constitution, especially regarding the civil rights of the members of the ASG Compton College.

Section IV: This Constitution, either in part or in whole, may be preempted by Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, the California Education Code, or by Compton Community College District Board Policies.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP, RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, & BENEFITS

Section I: STANDARD MEMBERSHIP

All students current enrolled at Compton College.

Section II: PATRON MEMBERSHIP

Any employee or student of Compton College who has purchased the Student Activities Sticker.

Any individual who is honored with the ASG Lifetime Membership.

Section III: RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, & BENEFITS

All students, regardless of membership, are entitled to the following:

- The right to be represented by the ASG.
- The right to participate in the activities of the ASG.
- The right to bring forth student issues to ASG meetings.
- Other rights, privileges, and benefits stipulated by the ASG.

Patron members are entitled to the following:

- The right to vote in the ASG elections.
- The right, if eligible, to hold as a position on the ASG.
- The right to participate in clubs on campus.
- The right to free admission to Compton College athletic competitions.
- The right to initiative the legislative petition process.
- The right to access benefits, discounts, and opportunities for membership.
- Other rights, privileges, and benefits stipulated by the ASG.

ARTICLE V

ORGANIZATION, VOTING AUTHORITY, NON-VOTING AUTHORITY

Section I: The ASG will consist of:

- Interclub Council (ICC)
- ASG Ambassadors
- ASG Members
- ASG Executives

INTERCLUB COUNCIL (ICC)

- ASG Vice President (Chair)
- ASG Commissioner of Clubs & Organizations (Support Chair)
- Two (2) representatives from each chartered club

ASG AMBASSADORS

- Volunteers

ASG MEMBERS

- Commissioner of Activities
- Commissioner of Athletics
- Commissioner of Clubs & Organizations
- Commissioner of Classes & Curriculum

- Commissioner of Public Relations
- Commissioner of Environment
- Commissioner of Financial Aid

ASG Executives

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Section II: VOTING AUTHORITY

- ASG Members
- ASG Executives

Section III: NON-VOTING AUTHORITY

- ASG Ambassadors

ARTICLE VI

MEETING PROCEDURES

Section I: The ASG will hold biweekly ASG meetings during the fall and spring semesters. The ASG President, in consultation and agreement with the ASG Advisor and ASG Council, shall determine the meeting schedule at the beginning of each semester.

Section II: The semester schedule and agendas shall be posted in public spaces throughout campus and online.

Section III: The ASG President, with approval from ASG Council and the ASG Advisor, has the authority to change the meeting time when deemed appropriate.

Section IV: The ASG President has the authority to call for special meetings in consultation and approval from the ASG Advisor.

Section V: All official meetings of the ASG shall be held in accordance with the Brown Act, except for those meetings which might be exempt.

Section VI: Robert's Rules of Order shall be used as a guide to conduct and govern all the ASG meetings.

Section VII: Each member with voting authority is entitled to one (1) vote, except for the ASG President, who serves as the Chair and votes only in the event of a tie.

Section VIII: The ASG Advisor, or his/her designee, shall attend all official ASG meetings.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCES

- Section I:** The ASG shall be the executive body controlling and monitoring all budgeted ASG Compton College accounts.
- Section II:** The ASG may finance its operating expenses and activities through the Compton College Student Activities Fee, public and private donations, contract services, and other legal fundraising activities in consultation and agreement with the ASG Advisor.
- Section III:** The ASG shall establish an annual budget and submit to the Compton College President/Chief Executive Officer for approval by August 1 of each fiscal year. In consultation and agreement with the ASG Advisor, the ASG President or ASG Treasurer, shall provide a copy of the approved budget to the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees.
- Section IV:** No funds shall be expended by the participating bodies beyond the ASG approved budget allowances.
- Section V:** A quorum (which consists of 51% or more of the vote) for ASG is required for the proposed expenditure of ASG Compton College funds, which shall adhere to the Financial Code and Procedures provided for by the Bylaws to this Constitution.
- Section VI:** The Financial Code and Procedures established by the ASG dictates ASG fiscal policy in consultation and agreement with the ASG Advisor.

ARTICLE VIII

MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

Section I: MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

The qualifications to become a member of the ASG are as follows:

- Be a currently enrolled student at Compton College during their term of office.
- Has paid the Compton College Student Activities Fee during their term of office.
- Students may only hold one office in ASG, elected or appointed, during their term of office.
- Maintain at least 2.0 GPA during their term of office.
- Be enrolled in at least six (6) or more units during their term of office.
- ASG members may also serve as club members. A 'Conflict of Interest Statement' must be provided prior to becoming an ASG member.
- For Executive Members, twelve (12) units must be completed at Compton College prior to starting their term.

- New students who can verify at least one (1) year of prior leadership experience may be exempt from this requirement. A request must be submitted and approved by the ASG Advisor in consultation with the Director of Student Development and Athletics prior to taking office.
- Students that have completed seventy (70) units at Compton College are not eligible to run for office.

ARTICLE IX

ASG ADVISOR

Section I: The Compton College President/Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) designee shall serve as the ASG Advisor.

Section II: The ASG Advisor's duties are:

- Serving as a consultant to provide guidance and support to the ASG.
- Attend all ASG official meetings.
 - No ASG business may take place in the absence of the ASG Advisor or their designee.

Section III: The ASG Advisor shall serve as a consultant and provide guidance and support to the ASG.

ARTICLE X

RIGHTS OF INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL

Section I: RIGHTS OF INITIATIVE

Any student with Patron Membership shall have the power to initiate legislation by means of a petition. The petitioner shall be issued the required number of petitions for signature from the Office of Student Development.

The required number of student signatures shall be one hundred-fifty (150) students or ten percent (10%) of the total active ASG Compton College members (spring or fall semesters only), whichever is greater. Signatures shall be validated by the ASG Advisor or designee.

An initiative petition shall pertain to one (1) specific action.

Any proposed action dealing with financial matters must specify the dollar amount.

Upon receipt of a validated petition, ASG shall order a special election within three weeks. Approval of the initiative shall require majority of the votes cast and shall become effective immediately.

Section II: RIGHTS OF REFERENDUM

An action of the ASG shall be subject to referendum by filing a petition.

The petitioner shall be issued the required number of petitions for signature from the Office of Student Development.

The required number of student signatures shall be one hundred-fifty (150) students or ten percent (10%) of the total active ASG Compton College members (spring or fall semesters only), whichever is greater. Signatures shall be validated by the ASG Advisor or designee.

A referendum petition shall pertain to one (1) specific action.

Upon receipt of a validated petition, ASG shall rescind its action or call a special election within fifteen (15) school days. Approval of the referendum shall require a majority of the votes cast and shall become effective immediately.

Section II: RIGHTS OF RECALL

Any ASG member may be subject to recall by any ASG Compton College Patron Member by the filing of a petition.

The petitioner shall be issued the required number of petitions for signature from the Office of Student Development.

The required number of student signatures shall be one hundred-fifty (150) students or ten percent (10%) of the total active ASG Compton College members (spring or fall semesters only), whichever is greater. Signatures shall be validated by the ASG Advisor or designee.

A recall petition shall pertain to one specific ASG member.

Upon the validation of signatures, ASG shall order a special election within ten (10) school days. Approval of the recall shall require majority of the votes cast and shall become effective immediately.

ARTICLE XI

ASG ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS COMMITTEE.

Section I: GENERAL REGULATIONS

The ASG elections shall be conducted on two (2) consecutive days during the spring semester and must be completed by May 31. Exact election dates to be recommended by the Election Committee and approved by ASG at least two (2)

months prior to the dates set.

All members of the ASG shall be eligible to run under the criteria stated in this Constitution.

Appeals to the election results shall be provided to the Election Committee or the ASG in writing. Decisions on appeals will be granted by the Election Committee in consultation and agreement with the ASG Advisor.

Applications for elected officer positions shall be available at least six (6) business weeks prior to elections.

Applications shall be accepted no later than one (1) business week prior to elections.

Write-in candidates must file a petition signed by at least fifty (50) Compton College students. The petitions shall be available one (1) business week prior to elections. Petitions are due by 12:00 p.m. on the business day immediately prior to elections.

Each candidate shall provide a biography and mission statement as part of the application. This information shall be posted in the Office of Student Development and their webpage by the Elections Committee.

The Elections Committee shall enforce all rules and procedures established by the ASG to validate and make official the results of the election. Results shall be posted at designated spots throughout campus and online.

In cases where two (2) or more candidates for the same office receive an equal number of votes, consequently yielding no winner, the winner shall be chosen by a run-off election.

In cases where three (3) or more candidates are running and no candidate receives majority of all votes cast for the office being sought, a run-off election must be held between the two (2) candidates with the highest numbers of votes; Write-ins are not permissible. In this election, the candidate who receives majority of the votes shall be declared the winner.

All appeals regarding contesting elections shall be made in writing and submitted to the ASG Advisor within forty-eight (48) hours after the counting of ballots. The Elections Committee shall review all appeals and recommend actions to ASG.

Forty-eight (48) hours after the counting of ballots the elections shall be official unless the elections are challenged or appealed. The elections shall not be official until the appeal has been resolved.

All officers elected or appointed to ASG shall continue in office until the following year's officers are elected and have taken their oath of office.

Section II: ELECTIONS POLLS

ASG elections will be conducted through online polls, provided by Compton College. Elections information will be hosted on the Office of Student Development webpage.

Online polls shall be open for two (2) consecutive dates of elections.

Section III: VOTING PROCEDURE

When voting, all students must provide their Compton College student ID number.

The ASG Advisor, or designee, will verify each student is enrolled at Compton College and has a Patron Membership.

Each student is limited to only one (1) vote.

If a student submits multiple votes, the first submission will be the only one accepted. All other votes submitted by the student will be invalid and rejected.

Section IV: PUBLICITY

No approved campaigning material may be removed, damaged, or altered.

All campaign material must be removed the day following termination of voting. Each candidate is responsible for removing his/her campaign material.

All campaign publicity must be approved by the ASG Advisor.

Any campaign materials for candidates can only be used in spaces designed by the Office of Student Development.

Candidates must receive approval from the ASG Advisor prior to posting any materials.

Any type of campaign strategies not explicitly stated within the Elections Code must be approved by the Elections Committee before they can be used by any candidate and any person affiliated with any candidate's campaign.

Section V: DISQUALIFICATIONS

Disqualification of a candidate will occur in appropriate cases when:

- Candidate violates any policies and procedures outlined in the Compton College Board Policy 5500 Standards of Student Conduct.
- Candidate does not follow elections campaign policies and procedures.
- Ruling of the Elections Committee, in consultation and agreement with the ASG Advisor.

Section VI: COUNTING BALLOTS

The ASG Advisor will review the elections results with the Elections Committee.

A report, co-signed by the ASG Advisor and the Commissioner of Elections, shall be created which lists candidates, the total number of votes cast, and an enumeration of the division of the vote (voided and rejected ballots), and suggestions to improve the election procedures.

Section VII: SPECIAL ELECTION

Special elections shall be called by the ASG President when authorized by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASG.

Special elections shall comply with all regulations and meet all requirements of a general election.

Section VIII: ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The ASG Vice President shall serve as the Commissioner of Elections, unless a candidate; in that case, the ASG President shall appoint a Commissioner of Elections.

The Commissioner of Elections, serving as chairperson, shall form an ad hoc committee. This Committee will be overseen by the ASG Advisor.

This Committee shall be comprised of up to five (5) current ASG Compton College students and two (2) alternates that shall serve in the absence of any member. None of these members shall be candidates in the upcoming election.

The Election Committee shall be responsible for establishing and enforcing the election dates and procedures. This information shall be forwarded to ASG for approval at least two (2) months prior to the dates set.

The ASG shall ensure that the election dates and procedures follow the ASG Constitution and such dates and procedures shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASG no later than six (6) weeks prior to elections in order to be effective.

ARTICLE XII

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- Section I:** Amendments to the ASG Constitution may be proposed to the student body by one of the following methods:
- A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASG on proposals submitted by the ASG shall be required for the amendment(s) to be placed on the ballot.
 - A petition signed by one hundred fifty (150) students or ten percent (10%) of the total Compton College students with Patron Membership (spring or fall semesters only), whichever is greater. Signatures shall be validated by the ASG Advisor or designee.
- Section II:** Amendments to this Constitution must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the ballots cast in a generally announced ASG election.
- Section III:** Public notice of such proposed modifications shall be given two (2) weeks prior to the election.

ARTICLE XIII

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

- Section I:** By-Laws to the ASG Constitution must be approved and/or modified by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASG.
- Section II:** Public notice of such proposed modifications shall be given two (2) weeks prior to the approval.

ARTICLE XIV

ENABLING CLAUSE

- Section I:** The ASG Constitution shall become effective on July 1st after ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of students who voted in the spring or in the special elections.
- Section 2:** The ASG By-Laws shall become effective July 1st when ratified by two-thirds vote of the ASG.