

Associated Students,
California State University, Northridge, Inc.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Associated Students is the primary advocate for students at California State University, Northridge and provides excellent, meaningful programs and services designed to create and enhance a spirited, learning-focused campus environment.

VALUES STATEMENT

In order to guarantee equal human rights for the student body, the organization declares equal opportunities shall be afforded all students without regard to race, color, religion, size, creed, gender, pregnancy, marital affiliation, sexual or affectional orientation, age, ethnic origin, citizenship, nationality, veteran status, or physical disability.

ARTICLE I – NAME AND COLORS

Section 1. The name of this Corporation shall be the Associated Students, California State University, Northridge, Inc., HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS. The official abbreviation of the Associated Students shall be A.S.C.S.U.N.

Section 2. The official nickname of this Corporation shall be Matadors.

Section 3. The official colors of this Corporation shall be red, white, and black.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this Corporation shall be those set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1. This Corporation recognizes two types of membership: Regular and Honorary Life.

- A. Regular Members: Any individual who is enrolled as a matriculated or summer session student who pays the Associated Students fee is termed a Regular Member of the Associated Students. Regular members are entitled to:
 - 1. Admission to A.S. sponsored activities, free or at a reduced rate;
 - 2. The right to hold office, both elective and appointive, in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of the Associated Students, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS BYLAWS;
 - 3. Appropriate vote(s) in all student body elections;
 - 4. An option to subscribe to all publications of the Associated Students;
 - 5. The right to represent the Associated Students in University competition in accordance with the rules of eligibility of the respective division and/or conference ruling;
 - 6. Membership in organizations chartered by the Associated Students in accordance with the membership rules and procedures as prescribed by the charters or constitutions of said organizations;
 - 7. Any other privileges which shall be prescribed by the Senate of the Associated Students.
- B. Honorary Life Members: Honorary Life Members are those individuals entitled to those privileges except voting, as defined in the A.S. Senate Code on William R. Foster Honorary Life Awards.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. The executive officers of this Corporation shall be:

- A. President, who shall be the Associated Students President, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE PRESIDENT;
- B. Vice President, who shall be the Associated Students Vice President, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE VICE PRESIDENT;
- C. Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be the Associated Students General Manager, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE GENERAL MANAGER.

Section 2. The legislative body governing this Corporation shall be the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE SENATE. It shall consist of the following members:

- A. The presiding officer of this body shall be the President of the Associated Students, who shall be the Chair. The Chair shall vote only when it affects the result of the vote.
- B. The voting officers shall be the Vice President, two (2) representatives from each academic college of the University, two (2) Upper Division Senators, two (2) Lower Division Senators, and two (2) Graduate Division Senators.
- C. The non-voting members shall be: the Associated Students General Manager; the Associated Students Secretary; and Associated Students Attorney General, who shall be appointed by the President with majority approval of the Senate.

ARTICLE V – QUALIFICATIONS AND POWERS OF THE SENATE

Section 1. General Qualifications

- A. In order to become a member of the Senate, a candidate must be at the time of filing for election, in good standing at California State University, Northridge, as certified by the Office of the Registrar, and must remain in good standing during his/her tenure in Associated Students office. A Senator must be a regular member during his/her respective office as prescribed in these Bylaws and current directive(s) from the Office of the Chancellor.
- B. Freshmen and transfer students shall be in good standing with the Office of the Registrar upon entrance to California State University, Northridge, in order to apply for Associated Students offices. A Senator must be a regular member during his/her respective office as prescribed in these Bylaws and current directive(s) from the Office of the Chancellor.

C. Academic Qualifications:

The following qualifications apply to the following positions within Associated Students; California State University, Northridge, Inc.: President, Vice President, Senators, Finance, Attorney General, all directorships and Administrative Assistants:

1. In addition to having earned a 2.5 undergraduate or 3.0 graduate GPA in the semester prior to the election or appointment, each candidate or applicant for these positions, at the time of filing, must also have a minimum cumulative CSUN GPA of 2.5 for undergraduates; 3.0 for graduates.
2. All of the above must maintain a minimum of 2.5 CSUN cumulative graduate GPA for the duration of their term.
3. Executive officers of the corporation, President and Vice President, must be enrolled in and earn a minimum of nine (9) undergraduate, or six (6) graduate units during their candidacy and be enrolled in and earn a minimum of six (6) undergraduate, or six (6) graduate units each semester while in office, except in their last semester before graduation, when they may enroll in the minimum number of units required for graduation.

4. Senators, Attorney General, and major Directors must be enrolled in a minimum of nine (9) units undergraduate or four (4) units graduate each semester during candidacy and while in office, except when in their last semester before graduation when they may enroll in the minimum number of units required for graduation.
5. Candidates and Incumbents shall not be on disciplinary probation.
6. Any member of the Associated Students holding any of the aforementioned offices who does not meet the above qualifications must resign within two weeks of notification. Exceptions to the time frame may be made by the A.S. General Manager.
7. The Attorney General will ensure that all of the aforementioned qualifications for all of the aforementioned positions are met by the close of the fourth week of each semester.

D. Summer and Winter Sessions

1. For determination of the number of units taken and earned, any CSUN units taken and earned in CSUN summer session will be interpreted as additional units taken and earned in the preceding spring semester.
2. For the purpose of determining grade-point average, grades earned in summer session will be interpreted as having been earned in the immediately preceding spring semester.
3. For determination of the number of units taken and earned, any CSUN units taken and earned in CSUN winter session will be interpreted as additional to units taken and earned in the immediately preceding fall semester.
4. For the purpose of determining grade-point average, grades earned in winter session will be interpreted as having been earned in the immediately preceding fall semester.

Section 2. President

- D. In order to seek election for the Office of the President, a student must have completed at least sixty (60) units of college work, including at least six (6) units, or three (3) graduate units at California State University, Northridge, prior to taking office, except when taking office by succession.
- E. Voting constituency: The voting constituency shall be the entire matriculated student body.
- F. Term of office: The term of office for the President shall be from the day following the end of the Spring Semester, to and including, the last day of the Spring Semester.
- G. Powers:
 1. The President shall be the Chief Executive of the Corporation and shall have general supervision, direction, and control of the business of the officers of the Corporation. He/she shall have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of the president of the corporation and shall have such other powers and duties that may be from time to time prescribed by the Senate.
 2. The president shall have the authority to make temporary non-renewable appointments to any office, excluding Senate members, for a period not to exceed one (1) calendar month.
 3. The President shall have the power to make various appointments with the necessary advice and consent of the Senate, when required.
 4. The President shall have the power to veto any action of the Senate, which shall be accompanied by an explanation. If such veto is not exercised within a period of one week, action of the Senate shall become automatically approved. The President has the power of item veto of the Associated Students Budget.
 5. The President shall have the power to introduce legislation.
 6. The President shall have full administrative powers needed to implement the functioning of the Associated Students.

7. The President shall prepare the Associated Students Budget with the advice and assistance of the Director of Finance and the Finance Committee as prescribed in these Bylaws and the Code on Finance.

Section 3. Vice President

- A. Qualifications: In order to seek election for the Office of the Vice President, a student must have completed at least forty-five (45) units of college work prior to taking office.
- B. Voting constituency: The voting constituency shall be the entire matriculated student body.
- C. Term of office: The term of office for the Vice President shall be from the first day following the end of the Spring Semester, to and including, the last day of the Spring Semester.
- D. Powers: In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside over the Senate and have the authority to call meetings of the Senate according to the provisions of Article V, Section 4, F, 3 of these Bylaws.
- E. The Vice President shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the President or these Bylaws.

Section 4. Senate

A. Qualifications

1. Graduate Division Senator – In order to seek election for the office of Graduate Division Senator, a student must have a baccalaureate degree and be in good standing as certified by the Office of the Registrar.
 2. Lower Division Senator – In order to seek election for the office of Lower Division Senator, a student must have completed the enrollment requirements for a Lower Division student as defined in the current University Undergraduate & Graduate Catalog, under the section referred to as Enrollment Regulations.
 3. Upper Division Senator – In order to seek election for the office of Upper Division Senator, a student must have completed the enrollment requirements for an Upper Division student as defined in the current University Undergraduate & Graduate Catalog, under the section referred to as Enrollment Regulations.
 4. Academic College Senator – In order to seek election for the office of Senator of an Academic College, a student must have completed at least twenty-four (24) units of college work before taking office and shall be certified as a specific major in the academic College, having successfully completed at least nine (9) units within that College, except for the College of Education, prior to taking office. The Senator of the College of Education shall have been admitted to that school previously.
 5. Lower Division Senators may exceed the maximum unit limit during their term of office and Upper Division Senators may enter Graduate School during their term of office.
- B. Voting Constituency: Graduate, Upper and Lower Division Senators and Academic College Senators shall be elected by the members of their respective constituency.
- C. Term of office: There shall be a system of staggered terms of office for Senators.
1. President, Vice President, and all Senators shall be elected in the Spring Semester.
 - a. The term of office for the President, Vice President, and Senators shall be from the first day following the end of the Spring Semester, to and including, the last day of the Spring Semester.

- D. Powers: The Senate shall have the power to:
1. Make appropriations from the funds of the Associated Students as stipulated in the Code on Finance and these Bylaws;
 2. Approve recommendations of the Finance Committee, including the annual budget, by a majority of vote of those present. In order to delete, add to, or alter recommendations of the Finance Committee, including the annual budget, it shall require a majority vote of the total membership of the Senate;
 3. Draft and amend the Associated Student Codes and attach to these maximum and minimum penalties of violations thereof;
 4. Determine general policies of the Associated Students;
 5. Confirm the appointments of the President where applicable;
 6. Confer Honorary Life Membership at its discretion as prescribed in the Code on William R. Foster Honorary Life Awards.
 7. Make appointments where applicable;
 8. Charter campus clubs and organizations as prescribed in these Bylaws and the Senate Code on Chartering;
 9. Override the President's veto by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of its total voting membership;
 10. Upon three-fourths (3/4) vote of its total voting membership, remove from office any member of the Senate, except the President and Vice President, who may be removed only by recall procedures as outlined in these Bylaws. No member shall be removed from office without opportunity of a hearing in an open meeting of the Senate;
 11. Create and dissolve Senate committees at its discretion with the exception of the Finance Committee and the Judicial Court;
 12. Implement the decisions of the Associated Students Judiciary;
 13. May overturn decisions of the Associated Students Judiciary by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total voting membership of the Senate.
- F. Advisors: There shall be two (2) Advisors to the Senate, one appointed by the President of the University and one appointed by President of the Faculty. Advisors shall be notified of Senate meetings. The Advisors shall be responsible for advising the Senate of University policies and procedures in compliance with Title V and shall act as liaisons between the Senate, faculty and administration.
- G. Meetings:
1. There shall be two (2) sessions of the Senate during the year. Session I shall begin on the first day following the end of the Spring Semester to and including, the last day of the Fall Semester. Session II shall begin on the first day following the end of the Fall Semester, to and including, the last day of the Spring Semester.
 2. The Senate shall meet at least once a week during the regular Fall and Spring Semester, except on school holidays or during the final examination period. The Senate shall meet not less than two (2) times during the summer.
 3. Special meetings shall be called by the President upon the written request of twenty-five (25) percent of the members of the Senate, and may be called at any time by the President upon two (2) working days written notice to each Senator.
 4. All meetings of the Senate shall be conducted according to parliamentary law as set forth in the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

- H. The Senate shall be a continuing body and all legislation is binding upon succeeding Senates. The Associated Students Secretary shall keep a permanent record of all standing rules of the Senate.
- I. The principal place for the transaction of business for this Corporation shall be: California State University, Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330-8260.

ARTICLE VI – VACANCIES

Section 1. In the event of a vacancy in the Office of President, he/she shall be succeeded by the Vice President for the unexpired term of office.

Section 2. In the event of vacancies in the Office of Vice President or Senate, the President shall appoint individual(s) to fill the vacancy(ies) for the unexpired term of office with a majority approval of the total voting membership of the Senate. This person shall be chosen from applications solicited for a period of not less than two (2) weeks.

Section 3. In the event of simultaneous vacancies in the Office of President and Vice President, the Senate shall elect a President pro tem by a majority vote of those members present at the next regular or special meeting who will hold office until a new President is elected in a special student body election during the Fall or Spring Semester, which shall be held no sooner than fourteen (14) school days and no later than thirty (30) school days following certification of the vacancy(ies) by the Judicial Court.

ARTICLE VII – SENATE COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Senate shall have a system of committees.

Section 2. A committee shall be created by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate and its purpose shall be set forth at that time.

Section 3. A committee may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

Section 4. The membership of each committee shall be:

- A. Each committee shall be Chaired by a Senator, who shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The term as Chair of a Senate Committee shall last the duration of the session in which he/she is appointed. Senators may be reappointed as Chairs of the Committees.
- B. Each committee shall be composed of not less than five (5) members appointed by the President.

Section 5. The purpose of each committee shall be to investigate and recommend courses of action to the Senate in those major fields of endeavor that are stipulated in their general directives embodied in their respective codes as prescribed in Article XV of these Bylaws.

Section 6. Each committee shall submit a written end of the semester report to the Senate during the Spring and Fall Semester.

ARTICLE VIII – STUDENT DIRECTORS

Section 1. The President shall have the authority to create positions as he/she deems necessary with the approval of the Senate.

Section 2. In order to become a director of the Associated Students, a candidate must be in good standing as certified by the Office of the Registrar and must remain in good standing during their tenure in office.

Section 3. The President shall have the power to appoint directors with Senate approval.

Section 4. No senator may serve simultaneously as a director.

Section 5. A code shall be created for each directorship as prescribed by Article XV of these Bylaws.

Section 6. The student directors shall be responsible for the actions of their assistants.

Section 7. The President shall have the power to dissolve student director positions and remove directors at his/her discretion. The President shall report such actions to the Senate.

ARTICLE IX – ASSOCIATED STUDENTS JUDICIAL COURT

Section 1. The Judicial Court shall be the judiciary branch of the Associated Students.

Section 2. The Judicial Court may not be dissolved by any means other than constitutional amendment as outlined in Article XV of these Bylaws.

Section 3. The Powers of the Judicial Court shall include:

- A. Actions of the Senate arising from the provisions of these Bylaws or any Code of the Associated Students may be questioned or commented upon as to their constitutionality by the Judicial Court at the petition of any regular member of the Corporation.
- B. In the case of recall and/or initiative legislation, the Judicial Court shall receive necessary verification from the Office of the Registrar as stipulated in Article XI of the A. S. Constitution.
- C. The Judicial Court shall investigate any contested election and render decision thereon upon petition by any regular member of the corporation.
- D. The Judicial Court shall initially review the constitutions of the groups seeking to be chartered, as well as any revisions to such constitutions. See the Code on the A.S. Chartering of Clubs and Organizations for the detailed procedure.
- E. The Judicial Court shall investigate any infractions of the A.S. Chartering Policy by Chartered Clubs as well as those petitioning for charter.
- F. The Judicial Court shall report its decisions to the Senate for implementation. These decisions may be overturned by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total voting membership of the Senate.
- G. The Judicial Court will have the responsibility upon the conclusion of judicial proceedings to make recommendations on any changes on or clarification of the A.S. Constitution, Senate Standing Rules, Codes, or other university policies.

Section 4. All decisions of the JUDICIAL COURT are empowered and limited by the laws of the State of California.

Section 5. The composition and procedures of the Judicial Court shall be outlined and remain flexible through the A.S. Code on the Judicial Court.

ARTICLE X – ELECTIONS

Section 1. All Associated Students elections shall be administered by an Elections Committee, and a Director of Elections, who shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Senate.

Section 2. A general student body election shall be conducted in Spring Semester. An election will be held not less than six (6) academic weeks nor more than ten (10) academic weeks prior to the close of the Spring Semester.

Enabling Clause: This amendment will take effect on May 28, 2011. Senate seats that would have been filled in a Fall 2011 election (those former seats with a term of office January 2012) will instead be filled through the appointment process through the end of Spring Semester 2012. The appointment of vacancies will require a 2/3 majority of the senate total voting membership for a one semester term.

Section 3. A candidate for Associated Students President shall select a candidate for Vice President. The President and Vice President shall then declare themselves as filing jointly for their respective positions. Their names shall occupy one box on the ballot. A vote for President will count as a vote for Vice President. A majority (50% plus 1 vote) of the total votes cast for the office of President and Vice President shall be required to elect the A.S. President and Vice President in all student body

elections. In the event that a majority is not cast for an individual ticket for the office of A.S. President and Vice President, a run-off election shall be held between the two (2) tickets polling the most votes until a majority vote is secured. Write-in votes will not be permitted in a run-off election for the A.S. President and Vice President.

Section 4. The President shall call special elections at any time with the approval of the Senate.

Section 5. There shall be such other elections and procedures as specified in the Code on Elections.

Section 6. Only regular members of the Associated Students may run for elected office, and may hold no more than one elected at one time.

ARTICLE XI – RECALL AND INITIATIVE

Section 1. Upon submission of a petition signed by ten (10%) percent of the regular membership of a constituency to the Judicial Court and upon those signatures being verified by the Office of the Registrar of the University, a special election shall be called to recall any member of the Senate.

Section 2. Upon receipt of such petition, the Judicial Court shall have ten (10) working days to submit the petition to the Office of the Registrar.

Section 3. Upon receipt of the verified petition from the Office of the Registrar, such recall legislation shall be submitted to the members of that constituency at an election within twenty (20) working days.

Section 4. Initiative legislation from the regular members of this Corporation may be submitted to the Senate in the form of a petition signed by ten percent (10%) of the total regular membership of this Corporation as verified by the Office of the Registrar.

Section 5. Such legislation shall also be submitted to the Judicial Court within ten (10) working days for a declaration of legality. The Judicial Court may seek the necessary advice for due consideration.

Section 6. If declared legal, such initiative legislation shall be submitted to the regular members of this Corporation at a special election within twenty (20) working days of its being declared legal by the Judicial Court.

Section 7. Recall legislation and initiative legislation will be passed if the majority of the votes cast are affirmative.

ARTICLE XII – STUDENT FEES

Section 1. The general business activities of this Corporation shall be financed by a student activities fee as stipulated in the Education Code and the California State Administrative Code.

Section 2. The Associated Students General Manager shall be in charge of the collection and disbursement of the funds of the Associated Students, subject to the limitations of the funds of the Associated Students Senate; the President of the California State University, Northridge; the Education Code; and the California State Administrative Code.

ARTICLE XIII – FINANCE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Finance Committee shall consist of:

A. Voting Members

1. Director of Finance – The Director of Finance shall Chair the Finance Committee meetings and shall be a student appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The Director of Finance may be removed only at the discretion of the President.
2. Academic College Members – One (1) student member from each of the academic colleges who has completed twenty-four (24) units of college work and shall have declared a major in that academic college as certified by the senator(s) from their respective colleges, made available to be interviewed by the Finance Director and approved by a majority vote of the Senate and confirmed by the President. The Finance Committee positions shall be for a term of two (2) calendar years, beginning

with the date they are confirmed by the President. Each member shall retain his/her position (for a full term) until he/she changes academic colleges, is no longer a currently enrolled student, or is elected to the Senate. Each member will serve through the winter and summer breaks. Members shall serve on the Finance Committee no more than two (2) terms.

3. Senate Member – One (1) member of the Senate whose term of office on the Finance Committee shall be concurrent with his/her term on the Senate. He/she shall be nominated by the Senate and confirmed by the President. There shall be no other members on the Finance Committee who are also members of the Senate.
 4. All student members shall be in good standing as certified by the Office of the Registrar and shall remain in good standing during their period of membership on the Finance Committee.
 5. Student members, excluding the Director, may be removed for just cause under the following proviso; that two-thirds (2/3) of the total voting membership of the Senate confirms removal or by direct action of two-thirds (2/3) of the total voting membership of the Senate.
- B. Non-voting members
1. The Associated Students General Manager.
 2. Dean of Students or his/her representative.
 3. One Faculty Member appointed by the Faculty President upon request of the Associated Students President to serve concurrently with that President.

Section 2.

- A. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for preparing the annual budget as prescribed by these Bylaws and the Code on Finance. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations on special budget requests during the fiscal year. All budget requests considered by the Finance Committee shall be sponsored by a Senator.
- B. All budget requests submitted to the Finance Committee, whether during the academic year or for the annual budget, shall be reported with the recommendations of the Finance Committee to the Senate.
- C. A majority vote of those Senate members present will be required to pass recommendations of the Finance committee. A majority vote of the total membership of the Senate shall be required to delete, add to, or alter provisions of the budget or recommendations of the Finance Committee.
- D. The Director of Finance and the General Manager shall notify all organizations and their respective sponsors that budget requests will be due three (3) to five (5) weeks prior to the end of the Fall Semester. Said notification shall be given not less than twenty (20) working days prior to the due date and shall be publicized in campus publication(s).
- E. The Director of Finance and the General Manager shall send written notification of the date of budget hearings to the organizations and their respective sponsors not less than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled time of hearing. These budget hearings will provide the interested parties the opportunity to appear before the Committee to explain the requests.
- F. After all parties have been provided the opportunity to be heard, the Director of Finance shall direct the Committee to begin budget deliberations.
- G. When deliberations are completed, the Committee shall submit their recommendations on the budget allocations to the A.S. President. Within seven (7) working days, he/she must either accept the budget, in which case it is automatically forwarded to the Senate for consideration and approval, or he/she may return items with objections to the Finance Committee for revision. Upon consideration of the revision(s), the budget shall be forwarded to the Senate for approval.

H. Upon approval of the Senate, the A.S. President shall forward the budget to the President of the University. The President of the University shall have ten (10) working days to veto the annual budget, or any fiscal decision during the academic year, of the Senate. He/she must inform the A.S. President of his/her action by the ten (10) day deadline and then refer his/her recommendation(s) to the Senate for reconsideration.

I. Upon final approval by the Senate and the President of the University, the budget will be duplicated and copies sent to members of the Senate, and all organizations that requested or are responsible for the expenditures of A.S. funds.

Section 3. The Senate must be allowed two (2) calendar weeks (14 days) prior to voting, in order to consider the full budget. The entire budget shall be considered approved as amended as of one month (30 days) after the date of submission to the Senate or on July 1, whichever occurs first.

Section 4. It shall require a majority of the total membership of the Senate in order for the Senate to take direct action on budget requests without a recommendation from the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE XIV – ASSOCIATED STUDENTS EMPLOYEES

Section 1. There shall be an Associated Students Personnel Board established. The responsibilities and composition of this Board shall be detailed in the A.S. Personnel Manual, which shall be approved by the Senate.

Section 2.

A. The Associated Students General Manager shall be recommended by the Personnel Board, appointed by the President of the University, and confirmed by the A.S. President and the Senate.

B. The Personnel Board shall hire the individuals for all full-time Associated Students personnel positions.

Section 3. The term of employment of the Associated Students General Manager shall be terminated by written notice by the A. S. President or by the A. S. Personnel Board subject to approval of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership of the A. S. Senate at least ninety (90) days in advance of the termination with the concurrence of the President of the University.

Section 4. Duties of the General Manager shall include the following:

A. Being accountable to the Senate, the A.S. President, and President of the University, for the establishment of sound fiscal and operational policies and procedures designed to fit the best interest of the Associated Students Corporation;

B. Being in charge of the collection and disbursement of the funds of the Associated Students in keeping with such policies and procedures;

C. Attending all meetings of the Senate as a non-voting member;

D. Acting as trustee for the Associated Students, maintaining accounts for the various student chartered organizations.

Section 5. The General Manager shall assure the President of sound policies and procedures in accordance with existing laws and acceptable accounting procedures.

Section 6. The General Manager shall keep the A.S. President informed of the Corporate business affairs.

ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENTS AND CODES

Section 1. Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed either through initiative legislation or by the Senate. Amendments proposed through initiative legislation must be accompanied by a petition bearing signatures of ten percent (10%) of the total regular membership of this Corporation in compliance with Article XI, of these Bylaws before the A.S. President may place them upon the ballot.

Section 2. All proposed amendments to these Bylaws shall be published in the major university newspaper consecutively for two (2) academic weeks prior to the election.

Section 3. The A.S. President shall have the authority to call special elections with majority consent of the Senate and all proposed amendments shall be submitted to him/her for inclusion on the ballot. The President shall call for a special election to be held in not less than fifteen (15) or more than thirty (30) regular semester school days following receipt of the proposed amendment(s).

Section 4. These Bylaws may be amended at any special or regular election during the Fall and Spring Semesters by a majority of the total votes cast.

Section 5. Amendments to these Bylaws shall become effective immediately upon ratification or at dates specified in the amendments. There shall be an enabling clause presented at the time of ratification which shall specify the date(s) when ratified Bylaws shall become effective. These Bylaws, and amendments thereto, are subject to the ultimate authority of the President of California State University, Northridge, as set forth and empowered and limited by the laws of the State of California.

Section 6. Codes may be adopted by the Associated Students to clarify or further interpret articles and sections of this Constitution, or to establish formal policies in areas not covered in the Constitution.

Section 7. Codes will be considered as having been adopted when approved by a majority of the total voting membership of the Senate.

Section 8. Codes will be considered in effect upon adjournment of the meeting in which they are adopted or at another time indicated in the legislation that is approved when the Code is adopted.

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Spring 1969	Fall 2000
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