

CONSTITUTION OF HONG KONG STUDENT ASSOCIATION THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be Hong Kong Student Association.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be twofold:

1. a. To promote a mutual understanding and cooperation among its members.
b. To promote cultural exchanges and friendship with other ethnic or cultural groups on and off the campus.
2. To assist and aid those students of Hong Kong origin and its members in times of needs.

ARTICLE III – POSITION

Section 1. This is not-for-profit organization.

Section 2. This organization shall be independent from any political parties or government agents.

Section 3. This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of age, color, ethnicity, gender, national origin, disability or handicap, race, religion, sexual veteran status or unique individual style. This policy will include, but is not limited to recruiting, membership, organization activities or opportunities to hold office.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all students, faculty, staff and alumni of the University of Arizona, and local communities who agree with the purpose of this Association as stated in ARTICLE II, and the position of this Association as stated in ARTICLE III.

Section 2. A member shall mean a person who is current in the membership dues to the Association. The membership year and dues shall run through the September 30th of each year.

Section 3. Any member may resign at any time by notifying the Association's Secretary in writing or by not renewing the annual membership when due.

Section 4. Any student at the University of Arizona is eligible to be an active member, and may vote or hold office. The right of new active members to vote or hold office shall begin two weeks after registration.

Section 5. Non-students may act as associate members, but may not vote or hold office.

Section 6. Upon the request of the Executive Committee of this Association, at least one faculty member shall be the faculty adviser to this Association.

Section 7. Membership of destructive persons may be revoked by at least 2/3 of the active members present at the General Assembly.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 1. The Executive Committee of this Association shall include at least but not be limited to four elected members; a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. The responsibilities of the Executive Committee members shall be as follows:

A. *President:*

- i. Coordinates all activities of the organization.
- ii. Liaison to University community.
- iii. Official representative of organization.
- iv. Presides at meetings.
- v. Prepares agenda for meetings.

B. *Vice-President:*

- i. Assumes duties of president, when necessary.
- ii. Assists president in coordinating activities.

C. *Secretary:*

- i. Maintains accurate and current information of the organization and membership.
- ii. Keeps accurate minutes of each meeting.
- iii. Keeps attendance records for meetings.
- iv. Assists president and vice-president to coordinate organization activities.

D. *Treasurer:*

- i. Liaison to Office of Student activities and Organizations for the purpose of organizational funding.
- ii. Maintains accurate and current account of all organizational funds.
- iii. Responsible for dispensing of funds in accordance with goals and programs established by organization.
- iv. Assists president and vice-president to coordinate organization activities.

Section 2. The Executive Committee members mentioned in Section 1 shall be elected for each academic

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year, before the end of the preceding spring semester by the General Assembly.

Section 3. The Executive Committee may, in their discretion, appoint any number of members to form standing or special committees, as may be necessary. All appointed committee members cannot vote in the Executive Committee meeting.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall call for meetings and shall carry out the activities decided by the General Assembly.

Section 5. The Executive Committee member may be removed from office by at least 2/3 of the active members present at the General Assembly.

Section 6. Any vacancy in the Executive committee caused by removal or resignation of any elected member(s) can only be filled by calling a special session to elect a new Executive Committee member(s).

Section 7. During an Executive Committee meeting, each Executive Committee member shall have only one vote of equal weight.

Section 8. The term of office of all Executive Committee members shall run from the August 1st of each year to the July 31st of the following year.

ARTICLE VI – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Section 1. The General Assembly shall be composed of all members and shall determine the directions and policies of the Association.

Section 2. A regular meeting of General Assembly shall be called by the Executive Committee at least once per year.

Section 3. All members shall be notified of the date, place, and agenda of a regular meeting of General Assembly at least one week in advance.

Section 4. Special sessions may be called when deemed necessary by the petition of one-fourth or more of the active members of the Association.

Section 5. A meeting shall be held within 7 days after the receipt of the petition mentioned in *Section 4.*

Section 6. All members shall be notified of the date, place, and agenda of a special session at least 3 days in advance.

Section 7. All meetings shall require the presence of at least 1/3 of the total active membership upon first calling. Otherwise a second meeting shall be held within 14 days and wherein no quorum shall be required.

Section 8. Ordinary motions shall be passed by simple majority at a meeting.

Section 9. Special motions shall be passed by 2/3 or more of the active members present.

Section 10. A motion shall be defined “special motion” by a simple majority of the active members present.

Section 11. Robert’s Rules of Order shall be consulted when questions of order in a meeting are raised.

ARTICLE VII – FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Section 1. The amount of membership dues shall be decided during the first annual General Assembly.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for payment in full of all debts accumulated by the organization not covered by funds on deposit.

ARTICLE VIII – THE CONSITUTION

Section 1. This constitution shall be ratified and submitted to the OSAO.

Section 2. This constitution shall be made available to any person who so requests.

Section 3. To be officially enacted, all proposed changes and amendments to this constitution must receive an affirmative vote by at least 2/3 of the active members present at the meeting.

If any person has any comment or suggestion, please email to azhksa@yahoo.com