

Associated Students of University of Washington Tacoma Constitution

Ratified May 20th, 2024

Proposed Amendments

ASUWT Constitution

Preamble

Students have both the responsibility and the right to actively engage in their education. By engaging with our fellow students, administration, community, and government, students can advocate for and represent our own interests, needs, and welfare. By establishing and coordinating activities to support student representation and engagement, we can support this advocacy through cocurricular learning. And, by participating in University governance and allocating resources provided by state law, we can take part in building our own institution.

Now, in furtherance of these goals, we the undergraduate and graduate students of the University of Washington Tacoma do affirm and establish this Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Washington, Tacoma.

Article I. Name

The name of this Association shall be the "Associated Students of the University of Washington Tacoma," abbreviated "ASUWT."

Article II. Articles and Regulations Taking Precedence

As ASUWT derives its authority from the laws of the state of Washington, the Board of Regents and President of the University of Washington, and the Chancellor of the University of Washington Tacoma, all action taken by ASUWT shall be in compliance with University rules, Washington state administrative codes, and the laws of Washington and the United States.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

All students enrolled at the University of Washington Tacoma, who voluntarily choose, shall be members of ASUWT.

Section 2. Joining the Association

Students shall be presented with the option to join the Association upon registration for each term at the University of Washington Tacoma, and may join at any time during the academic year by request.

Section 3. Privileges of Membership

Only members of ASUWT shall be eligible to hold elected or paid office within ASUWT, to vote in ASUWT elections, or to represent ASUWT in any fashion.

Article IV. The Executive Board

Section 1. Establishment of the Executive Board

Control of ASUWT operations is vested in an Executive Board of seven **core** voting members, as follows:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Director of Outreach
- D. Director of Finance
- E. Director of Student Technology
- F. Director of Legislative Affairs
- G. Director of Internal Affairs

The size and composition of the Executive Board may expand to include additional director positions as outlined in the ASUWT Bylaws.

Section 2. Eligibility

Members of the Executive Board must be ASUWT members and students in good standing with the University of Washington Tacoma. All members of the Executive Board must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

Section 3. Term of Office

Members of the Executive Board shall hold office from Commencement to Commencement, regardless of the state of the budget.

Section 4. Meetings

- A. The Executive Board shall meet no less than once per month during the academic year, except during summer.
- B. All meetings of the Executive Board shall be conducted according to the provisions of the Washington State Open Public Meetings Act.
- C. Records of all meetings and decisions shall be kept according to the Washington State Public Records Act and relevant University of Washington policies.
- D. The latest available edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority for all meetings of the Executive Board.

Section 5. Powers of the Board

The Executive Board, voting as a whole, shall have the power and responsibility to:

- A. Act as the official governing body of the recognized student government association at the University of Washington Tacoma under Washington state law,
- B. Represent the interests and opinions of students at the University of Washington Tacoma before University faculty and administration, the local community, and local, state, and federal government officials,
- C. Work in conjunction with other University of Washington campuses, and other educational institutions, to advance the interests of the University of Washington Tacoma and its students,
- D. Have sole authority to approve the appointment of University of Washington Tacoma students to University committees,
- E. Approve or deny in its entirety a proposal for student technology fee levels and expenditures,
- F. Hire staff and recruit volunteers in furtherance of ASUWT activities, including staff not explicitly named in this Constitution,
- G. Have oversight over hired staff, including the authority to set personnel policies and dismiss staff,
- H. Propose amendments to the ASUWT Bylaws to the Senate,
- I. Have sole authority to approve the ASUWT budget, including funding requests to outside sources, payroll, and operational expenses,
- J. Have sole authority to manage the expenditures of ASUWT, and acquisition, maintenance, and disposal of property held by ASUWT,
- K. Approve legal documents and agreements on behalf of ASUWT, and
- L. Develop and manage other projects appropriate to the interests of students at the University of Washington, Tacoma.

Section 6. Powers and Responsibilities of Individual Board Members

- A. The **ASUWT President** shall have the power and responsibility to:
 - a. Call and chair meetings of the Executive Board,
 - b. Nominate students to University committees for approval by the Executive Board,
 - c. Serve as the official representative of ASUWT and the students of the University of Washington Tacoma to University administration, at official functions, before the media, to the community,

- d. Sign legal documents approved by the executive board as ASUWT's official representative, and
- e. Develop projects and assign tasks related to student representation, involvement, engagement, and the advancement of student interests to other members of the Executive Board, and hired staff,
- f. Have a tiebreaker vote in the Executive Board,
- g. Oversee ASUWT Task Forces to ensure the advancements in student interests,
- h. Ensure that the organization's productivity is in line with the organization's mission and values of serving students.

B. The **ASUWT Vice President** shall have the power and responsibility to:

- a. Serve as Acting President, with the powers and responsibilities of ASUWT President, if the ASUWT President is unable to serve, or if the position becomes vacant,
- b. Develop projects, events, and programs relating to student involvement in administrative and staff affairs, academic affairs, and shared governance,
- c. Oversee ASUWT Task Forces to assist ASUWT President and ensure the advancements in student interests,
- ~~d. Oversee the productivity of the ASUWT Executive Board and provide reports to the ASUWT President as outlined in the ASUWT Bylaws,~~
- e. Chair the Council for Campus Engagement,
- f. Carry out responsibilities assigned under the Bylaws, and,
- g. Carry out assignments given by the ASUWT President relating to university affairs, academic affairs, and shared governance.

C. The **Director of Outreach** shall have the power and responsibility to:

- a. Maintain regular meetings with student organizations to gather feedback from diverse student communities,
- b. Develop projects, events, and programs relating to student and community outreach,
- c. Coordinate opportunities for collaboration between ASUWT and other organizations both inside and outside the University,
- d. Chair Registered Student Organization (RSO) Committee to amplify student voices and concerns,

- e. Host at least one ASUWT Town Hall a quarter as outlined in the ASUWT Bylaws,
- f. Carry out responsibilities assigned under the Bylaws, and
- g. Carry out assignments given by the ASUWT President relating to student and community outreach.

D. The **Director of Finance** shall have the power and responsibility to:

- a. Establish budgets and budget proposals for ASUWT, for approval by the Executive Board,
- b. Track expenditures and accounts held by ASUWT, and ensure that the organization remains financially solvent,
- c. Propose action to the Executive Board relating to the responsible acquisition, maintenance, and disposal of property held by ASUWT,
- d. Report on the finances of ASUWT to the Executive Board, and the Senate,
- e. Sit on committees related to university finances, such as but not limited to, Services Activities Fee Committee (SAFC), Student Technology Fee Committee (STFC), Campus Budget Committee, Council for Campus Engagement, etc,
 - i. The Director of Finance should sit and monitor as many committees as possible to gain an overarching understanding of the flow of finances within the university.
- f. Keep a detailed log of wages, tracking time spent to student government tasks and payroll savings,
- g. Carry out responsibilities assigned under the Bylaws, and
- h. Carry out assignments given by the ASUWT President relating to the finances of the association.

E. The **Director of Student Technology** shall have the power and responsibility to:

- a. Chair the student committee responsible for allocating student technology fees,
- b. Present the student technology fee committee's proposal for the allocation of student technology fees to the Executive Board,
- c. If necessary, negotiate on behalf of ASUWT with the Regents of the University and their designees to come to an agreement on student technology fee levels pursuant to section 288.15.051(3) of the Revised Code of Washington,

- d. Communicate regularly with academic leadership regarding the technological needs of students in classrooms and other learning environments.
- e. Meet regularly with campus department representatives responsible for technologies funded by the student technology fee to assess usage, gather feedback, and identify areas for improvement prior to the Student Technology Fee Committee's formation.
- f. Carry out responsibilities assigned under the Bylaws, and
- g. Carry out assignments given by the ASUWT President relating to the student technology fee committee and allocation of student technology fees.
 - i. Notwithstanding the above, the ASUWT President may not require the Director of Student Technology to alter the proposal of the student technology fee committee.

F. The **Director of Legislative Affairs** shall have the power and responsibility to:

- a. Direct efforts to build students' legislative power and influence,
- b. Submit a legislative agenda, developed with the assistance of the Legislative Liaison, for Executive Board and Senate approval,
- c. Connect with students from other public institutions of higher education to influence the legislature on issues of mutual concern,
- d. Serve as direct liaison between UW Tacoma campus community and the ASUWT Legislative Liaison,
- e. Required to attend all legislative focused functions, such as tri-campus lobbying events,
- f. Chair student legislative committee to gather student voices regarding student legislative concerns,
- g. Promote opportunities for UW Tacoma students to be civically involved,
- h. Carry out responsibilities assigned under the Bylaws, and
- i. Carry out assignments given by the ASUWT President relating to legislative affairs.

G. The **Director of Internal Affairs** shall have the power and responsibility to:

- a. Take over the duties of the Office Manager in the event of a vacancy, which may include:
 - i. Maintain an official, accurate, and up-to-date copy of the ASUWT Constitution, Bylaws, and all policy documents,

- ii. Maintain accurate records of all historical and current documents and legislation passed by the Senate and Executive Board.
 - iii. Send all notices required by the Open Public Meetings Act and similar legislation,
 - iv. Evaluate the Executive Board and Senate for compliance with governing documents, and provide reports and suggested resolutions for compliance issues,
- b. Oversee the productivity of the ASUWT ~~Senate~~ Executive Board and provide reports to the ASUWT President as outlined in the ASUWT Bylaws,
 - c. Lead recruitment efforts and fill all vacant hired and elected positions within ASUWT
 - d. Conduct quarterly performance reviews with hired staff using the process outlined in the ASUWT Bylaws
 - e. Oversee the accountability processes among hired and elected staff alongside the ASUWT President to ensure the advancements of student interests,
 - f. Organize and facilitate quarterly all-team training sessions in collaboration with the ASUWT President
 - ~~g. Act as the chief human resources officer for ASUWT,~~
 - h. Carry out responsibilities assigned under the Bylaws, and
 - i. Carry out assignments given by the ASUWT President relating to internal communications and affairs.
- H. All members of the Executive Board, and the Executive Board acting as a whole, may delegate powers and responsibilities found in this Constitution or the Bylaws; however, they retain responsibility for ensuring that their duties and responsibilities are effectively completed.

Section 7. Student Committees

- A. Each member of the Executive Board, except the Director of Student Technology, is encouraged to recruit a student committee to provide advisory and executive support for their work, and opportunities for students to engage in ASUWT's activities.
- B. The Director of Student Technology is required to recruit a student committee to evaluate proposals for the use of student technology fee money, and level of student technology fee funding.

Section 8. Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy on the executive board, the President or Acting President shall follow hiring procedures in the Bylaws to hire a replacement. The Senate shall confirm the replacement before that person takes office.

If there are vacancies in both the offices of President and Vice President, the remaining members of the Executive Board shall hold a special election to replace all vacancies.

Section 9. Removal from Office

- A. Members of the Executive Board may be removed for any of the following:
 - a. Failure to carry out duties or responsibilities established in the ASUWT Constitution or Bylaws,
 - b. Complete failure to represent student interests and concerns, or
 - c. Violation of state, federal, or municipal law, or University policy, in a manner that hurts student interests or represents judgment not appropriate to the office.
 - d. Initiation of the final stage of the ASUWT Internal Accountability Policy.
- B. The Senate shall review complaints against an Executive Board member signed according to any of the following criteria:
 - a. A majority of the Executive Board,
 - b. A majority of the seated membership of the Senate, or
 - c. Petitions submitted to the Senate by at least five percent of ASUWT members.
- C. Should the Senate find by a two-thirds majority that the complaint is justified according to the criteria in subsection A, that member of the Executive Board shall be removed from office.

Article V. Hired and Volunteer Staff

Section 1. Authority to Manage Staff

- A. The Executive Board shall have the authority to establish paid and volunteer positions to further ASUWT's mission, and set staff policies for hired positions including job duties, pay rates, reporting responsibilities, and disciplinary structures.
- B. All paid positions outside of the Executive Board, including constitutionally mandated positions, must have job duties and expectations set by the Executive Board and maintained in a staff policies document available to all ASUWT members.
- C. All policies and disciplinary actions must be in compliance with University of Washington human resources policies, and state and federal employment laws.

Section 2. Authority to Hire Staff

The Executive Board shall have the authority to hire staff and recruit volunteers. All paid staff postings shall be advertised to the entire student body of the University of Washington Tacoma, and applications for paid positions shall be open to all members of ASUWT. Hiring procedures shall be laid out in the Bylaws.

Section 3. Constitutionally Mandated Staff Positions

A. Office Manager

- a. The Executive Board shall hire an office manager to prepare meeting agendas for the Executive Board and Senate, take minutes during the meetings of the Executive Board and Senate, manage the official records of ASUWT, and send and receive official communications.
- b. The Office Manager shall report to the Director of Internal Affairs, and may have other responsibilities as defined by the Bylaws.

B. Legislative Liaison

- a. The Executive Board shall hire a legislative liaison to represent students before the state legislature, provide reports to the Senate and Executive Board on legislative actions of concern to students, and assist the Director of Legislative Affairs in preparing a legislative agenda.
- b. The Legislative Liaison shall report to the Director of Legislative Affairs, and may have other responsibilities as defined by the Bylaws.

C. Elections Administrator

- a. The Executive Board shall hire an election administrator to propose and enforce election policies, receive applications for election, and recruit a student committee to assist in ASUWT elections.
- b. The Election Administrator, and any staff or volunteers recruited to assist in the election process, may not run for elected office in ASUWT while holding the position.
- c. The Election Administrator shall report to the President, and may have other responsibilities as defined by the Bylaws.
- d. The President and Executive Board may not direct the Election Administrator how to rule on or enforce election policies.

Section 4. Constitutionally Mandated Staff Positions

Hired staff must be ASUWT members and students in good standing with the University of Washington Tacoma. All hired staff must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

Article VI. The Senate

Section 1. Establishment of the Senate

The Senate shall be the elected and appointed representative opinion-making body of ASUWT.

Section 2. Membership of the Senate

- A. Each academic unit at the University of Washington Tacoma shall be entitled to one seat on the Senate, as determined by the ASUWT bylaws.
 - ~~a. The list of academic departments, schools, and colleges eligible for membership, and their census data, shall be retrieved from the UW Profiles application or its replacement.~~
 - ~~i. In the event that no replacement is available, the Election Administrator shall consult the University Registrar for demographic information.~~
- B. The Senate shall include Senate appointed student at-large representatives, as outlined in the ASUWT Bylaws.
- C. The total size of the ASUWT Senate may be capped as outlined in the ASUWT Bylaws.

Section 3. The Speaker of the Senate

- A. The Senate shall, at its first meeting of the academic year, elect a Speaker from among its members.
- B. The Speaker shall act as the official representative of the Senate.
- C. The Speaker shall organize and chair senate meetings.

Section 4. Eligibility

Members of the Senate must be ASUWT members and students in good standing with the University of Washington Tacoma. All Senators must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

Section 5. Term of Office

Members of the Senate shall hold office from Commencement to Commencement, regardless of the state of the budget.

Section 6. Senate Meetings

- A. The Senate shall hold at least three regular meetings per academic quarter, except summer quarter.
- B. Should the Senate be required to confirm a replacement for a vacancy on the Executive Board, resolve a complaint against an Executive Board member, or resolve an appeal of an elections violation, the body shall hold an emergency meeting within one week of receiving notice of the new executive candidate, complaint, or appeal.
- C. The Speaker of Senate shall chair Senate meetings. The Speaker of the Senate shall retain their vote.
- D. At regular meetings, the chair must bring all bills, resolutions, and discussion items submitted to the Office Manager at least one week in advance of the meeting to the floor.
- E. Public notice of Senate meetings, and a proposed agenda, must be posted at least three school days in advance of each meeting.
- F. The chair of the Senate shall provide a public comment period open to University of Washington Tacoma students at the beginning of each Senate meeting.
- G. The latest available edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all meetings of the Senate.

Section 7. Powers and Responsibilities of the Senate

The Senate shall have the power and responsibility to:

- A. Formulate official opinions on behalf of the student body of the University of Washington Tacoma,
- B. Request and receive reports from the Executive Board on matters of student concern,
- C. Request action from the Executive Board on items of student concern,
- D. Approve a legislative agenda that represents student interests,
- E. Confirm appointments to fill vacancies on the Executive Board,
- F. Manage policies internal to the Senate, including the ASUWT Bylaws,
- G. Hire and confirm Senators to fill vacant seats,
- H. Approve changes to the ASUWT Bylaws,
- I. Approve the Election Calendar and Election Code,
- J. Interpret election policies and resolve election disputes, and
- K. Remove members of the Executive Board and Senate, according to the procedures laid out in this Constitution.

Section 8. Vacancies

Should a Senate seat fall vacant, the Senate shall direct a hiring committee to select and propose a replacement. The hiring committee shall post public notices in the department that holds the vacant seat, select candidates, and conduct interviews according to the Bylaws and relevant laws and University policy relating to fair and equal employment opportunities. The committee shall select the best-qualified candidate and present them to the Senate for confirmation. The new Senator shall take office immediately upon confirmation by the Senate.

Section 9. Removal from Office

- A. Members of the Senate may be removed for any of the following:
 - a. Failing to carry out duties or responsibilities established in the ASUWT Constitution or Bylaws,
 - b. Complete failure to represent student interests and concerns, or
 - c. Violation of state, federal, or municipal law, or University policy, in a manner that hurts student interests or represents judgment not appropriate to the office.
 - d. Initiation of the final stage of the ASUWT Internal Accountability Policy.
- B. The Senate shall review and investigate complaints against its own membership supported by a majority of Senators, or petitions submitted to the Senate by at least five percent of ASUWT members.
- C. Should the Senate find by a two-thirds majority of those voting that the complaint is justified according to the criteria in subsection A, that member of the Senate shall be removed from office.
 - a. The subject or subjects of the complaint shall recuse themselves from voting.

Article VII. Task Forces

Section 1. Establishment of Task Forces

Task Forces are to be established to advocate for the enhancement of specific aspects of student life at the University of Washington Tacoma, guided by the principles of data-driven advocacy.

Section 2. Composition and Oversight

All Task Forces shall be overseen by the ASUWT President and the Vice President. Membership of these Task Forces may include, but not limited to:

- A. ASUWT Senators
- B. Executive Board Members

- C. Paid-Student employees hired to perform Task Force Duties
- D. ASUWT Volunteers

Section 3. Functions and Activities of Task Forces

All Task Forces shall undertake the following responsibilities:

- A. Utilize best practices in research methodologies to gather student input, ensuring a broad and inclusive representation of the University of Washington Tacoma student body.
- B. Develop and execute strategic plans aimed at addressing the Task Force's identified area of concern.
- C. Advocate for the implementation of proposed solution(s) through close collaboration with UW Tacoma leadership, administration and/or other stakeholders.
- D. If necessary, engage in the legislative process to advocate for programs and initiatives aligning with Task Force's goals.
- E. Create quarterly reports that are to be easily accessible to the student body. These reports will detail the activities, progress, and outcomes of the Task Force, ensuring transparency and accountability in their operations.

Section 4. Formation and Criteria for Task Force Establishment

The establishment of Task Forces within ASUWT shall be guided by the following criteria:

- A. Task Forces shall be formed to address issues identified through ASUWT Student Experience Surveys and/or credible external data sources focusing on UW Tacoma students.
 - i. The research data informing the creation of each Task Force must have been conducted within the last four years.
- B. Task Forces may also be established at the discretion of the ASUWT President, based exclusively on emerging needs or concerns within the student body.
- C. To ensure a proactive and responsive student government, a minimum of two Task Forces shall be operational at a given time each academic year.

Article VIII. Student Experience Data Collection

Section 1. Purpose

In commitment to data-based advocacy, this article mandates the collection of student experiences and input to ensure that ASUWT's actions as an organization reflect the dynamic

and evolving needs of the UW Tacoma student body and to monitor shifts in student perspectives and needs over time.

Section 2. Logistics

ASUWT shall conduct a comprehensive survey(s) of the student body every 2 academic years surrounding all aspects of the student experience, as outlined in the ASUWT Bylaws. However, ASUWT is encouraged to conduct survey(s) more frequently to ensure effective governance.

Section 3. Response Rates, Reporting, and Implementation

- A. A minimum response rate of 20% of the student body is encouraged to ensure the validity of the data collected.
- B. Results shall be compiled, analyzed, and reported to the entire student body to maintain transparency.
- C. Findings shall be utilized to guide ASUWT's decision-making and strategic planning for the subsequent two academic years.
 - a. However, this provision may be superseded by more recent student body data, ensuring that ASUWT's actions remain aligned with the current needs of the student body.

Article IX. Accountability Within Student Government

Section 1. Purpose

To foster a culture of integrity and effective governance within ASUWT, this article outlines a framework for internal accountability practices. It is designed to set clear expectations and standards for all members of ASUWT, while balancing the need for productive participation and opportunities for student growth and development.

Section 2. Establishment of Internal Accountability Policy

ASUWT adopts an Internal Accountability Policy, as outlined in the ASUWT Bylaws. This policy sets forth the expectations, standards, and procedures for ensuring responsible conduct and effective performance of all paid student government members.

Section 3. Internal Accountability Policy Provisions

The ASUWT Internal Accountability Policy outlined in the ASUWT Bylaws must include the following:

- A. Guidelines for behavior and performance, including but not limited to adherence to job duties, attendance, and ethical conduct.
- B. A structured procedure for addressing repeated instances of non-compliance using the established guidelines for behavior and performance. This includes warning(s), accountability plan(s), and removal from position in ASUWT.
- C. All steps taken under the Internal Accountability Policy are to be thoroughly documented by the Director of Internal Affairs and/or ASUWT President.

Section 4. Preservation of Internal Accountability Policy

While this Constitution is in effect, the complete removal and/or nullification of the Internal Accountability Policy from the ASUWT Bylaws is prohibited to ensure ASUWT's commitment to maintaining accountability and effective governance.

Article X. Elections

Section 1. Election Calendar

General elections shall be conducted in the spring quarter for the following academic year. The Election Administrator shall set the election calendar and submit to the Senate for approval.

Section 2. Election of the Executive Board

All members of ASUWT shall be entitled to vote for the executive board.

Section 3. Election of the Senate

- A. Senators must run for the academic department aligning with their declared major, pursuant to eligibility criteria established in the Elections Code.
- B. ASUWT members shall declare the academic department they wish to vote for in Senate elections on their ballot, and then vote only for representation within that academic department.

Section 4. Election Code and Violations

- A. In the event of a violation of the election code, the Election Administrator may enact sanctions according to the election code.
- B. Should a sanctioned candidate wish to appeal an election code violation, that person may appeal to the Senate to overturn the decision.
 - a. Any Senators involved in the election dispute must recuse themselves from voting.

Article XI. Bylaws and Policies

- A. ASUWT shall enact bylaws to govern its public meetings, clarify the responsibilities of each member of the board in response to student need, set pay structures, and otherwise structure the executive functions of the association not specifically enumerated by this Constitution.
 - a. All changes to the Bylaws shall be proposed by the Executive Board and approved by a majority vote of the Senate.
 - b. Staff policies that do not govern the Executive Board voting members may be amended by the Executive Board without Senate approval.
- B. Elections shall be governed by an Election Code. The Election Administrator may propose amendments to the election code before the first day of the general election filing period. The Senate must approve any amendments to the election code.

Article XII. Constitutional Amendments

Section 1. Amendment Proposed by Senate and Executive Board

If both the Senate and the Executive Board pass a proposed amendment with a two-thirds majority, it shall be placed on the ballot for consideration at the next ASUWT general election.

Section 2. Amendment Proposed by Petition

Upon receipt of a petition signed by 10 percent of ASUWT members for a constitutional amendment, the proposed amendment shall be placed on the ballot for consideration at the next ASUWT general election.

Section 3. Voting

All members of ASUWT are entitled to vote on a constitutional amendment in a general election. The amendment shall be adopted on a three-fifths (60%) majority vote.

Article XIII. Severability

If any provision of this Constitution is found to be or becomes illegal, invalid, or outdated, that shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Constitution.

Article XIV. Ratification and Implementation

- A. This Constitution shall go into effect on the day of the University of Washington Tacoma Commencement ceremony of 2024 (hereafter referred to as "Commencement 2024"). At that time, it shall supersede and replace all previous Constitutions or other principal governing documents of the Associated Students of the University of Washington, Tacoma. Any such previous documents, and any secondary internal governing documents associated with them, shall be rendered null and void.
 - a. Notwithstanding the above, agreements with University of Washington administration and outside organizations, including but not limited to memoranda of understanding between ASUWT and administration, shall continue to remain in force.
- B. Prior to Commencement 2024, the ASUWT Constitution ratified on June 11, 2014 (the "2015 Constitution") shall be the principal governing document of ASUWT, with the following amendments, instructions, and exceptions:
 - a. The general election conducted in the 2024-2025 academic year shall elect persons to fill the Executive Board and Senate seats named in this new Constitution rather than the seats named in the "2015 Constitution.
 - b. The budget and funding proposal to the Service and Activity Fee Committee submitted in the 2024-2025 academic year shall reflect the structure of this new Constitution rather than the structure established in the 2015 Constitution
- C. The constitution and bylaws will be reviewed by a committee made up of Executive and Senate members at least every 4 years to evaluate if any changes are necessary.

ASUWT Constitution Signing Statement

WHEREAS, this Constitution has been approved by a three-fifths (60%) majority vote of ASUWT members in the 2024 ASUWT General Election, as required by the previous ASUWT Constitution for approval of amendments and revisions,

AND WHEREAS, the results of that election have been verified, and accepted by the relevant authorities in both student and administrative leadership, with no outstanding challenges,

NOW, IT BE ENACTED that we, the students and administration of the University of Washington Tacoma, recognize and accept this Constitution as the sole primary governing document of the Associated Students of the University of Washington Tacoma, to provide a foundation for student representation and shared governance at our institution.

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