



**ASNIC STUDENT GOVERNMENT
CONSTITUTION**

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ARTICLE I. ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE

SECTION 1. Establishment of ASNIC Student Government

CLAUSE 1. Name

The student body under this constitution shall be known as the Associated Students of North Idaho College. The official abbreviation shall be ASNIC. The Student Government of North Idaho College is referred to as the ASNIC Student Government or ASNIC SG.

CLAUSE 2. Membership

All North Idaho College students are members of ASNIC.

CLAUSE 3. Discrimination Policy

ASNIC Student Government does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability in any educational programs or activities receiving ASNIC funds.

CLAUSE 4. Organization of ASNIC Student Government

The students shall establish and maintain the ASNIC Student Government, ASNIC Student Events Board (as funding permits), and ASNIC Clubs.

CLAUSE 5. Authority

The ASNIC Student Government will operate as part of the shared governance of North Idaho College.

CLAUSE 6. Transparency

All members of ASNIC have the right to attend all open meetings of the ASNIC Student Government and to view all open records of ASNIC. Minutes of ASNIC Student Government Board are available upon request.



SECTION 2. ASNIC Student Government Finances

CLAUSE 1. Funding

The Student Government is funded by student fees, known as the ASNIC fee. The ASNIC fee is approved by the North Idaho College Board of Trustees as part of the college budgeting process. The fees are collected by student accounts as part of the registration process and transferred to the ASNIC SG account.

CLAUSE 2. Accounting

The Auxiliary Services Accountant shall account for all funds of the ASNIC SG, maintain accounts payable, and maintain ongoing, monthly, and annual financial statements. The Auxiliary Services Accountant shall assist ASNIC SG with financial projections and budget reporting on a monthly basis and from year to year.

CLAUSE 3. Financial Management

The ASNIC SG President along with the ASNIC SG Advisor(s) shall be responsible for the fiscal management of the Student Government budget. The ASNIC SG President assumes the special role of Treasurer while in term.

CLAUSE 4. Budget

An annual budget will be developed by an ASNIC SG Budget Committee and affirmed by the ASNIC SG by Resolution. The outline of the Budget Committee is defined in the Bylaws.

SECTION 3. ASNIC Student Government Advisor

CLAUSE 1. Employee Status

At least one employee at North Idaho College shall act as the advisor to ASNIC SG. The advisor shall assist and advise the ASNIC SG as needed. The advisor assists in monitoring ASNIC SG position requirements and is responsible to ensure GPA requirements are maintained. An Advisor must be a full-time staff member within the Student Services Department at North Idaho College.

CLAUSE 2. Appointment & Time Commitment

An ASNIC SG Advisor shall be appointed by the head administrator in the Student Services Department. An Advisor must designate a significant portion of her/his time to the organization, as part of their official job description. There may be more than one advisor appointed to serve.



ARTICLE II. ASNIC STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1. Student Government Membership

CLAUSE 1. Authority

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in the ASNIC Student Government.

CLAUSE 2. ASNIC Student Government Makeup

ASNIC Student Government shall consist of the following positions: President, Vice President, and six Senators. At least one Senate position is reserved for a student enrolled as Dual Credit (unless no Dual Credit Student runs in both fall and spring elections). The Dual Credit Senator has the same status as all other ASNIC SG Senators. One Senator will be elected by majority vote of the ASNIC SG members to serve as President Pro Tempore.

CLAUSE 3. Presiding Officer

The President shall preside over ASNIC SG. In the event that the ASNIC President is absent, the ASNIC Vice President shall assume the presidential duties. In the absence of both the President and the Vice President, the President Pro Tempore shall preside over ASNIC SG meetings. The current presiding officer of the ASNIC Student Government shall vote only in the case of a tie.

CLAUSE 4. Executive Team

The Executive Team shall consist of the President, Vice President, and the President Pro Tempore as voting members, and the ASNIC SG Advisor(s) shall serve as ex officio members.

CLAUSE 5. Duties

The ASNIC Student Government Bylaws shall enumerate the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of the ASNIC SG.

CLAUSE 6. Standing Committees

All ASNIC SG Officers shall represent the students on a variety of standing committees as designated herein.

CLAUSE 7. Ethics Code

Members of the ASNIC Student Government pledge to uphold and promote the Student Code of Conduct during their time of service throughout the college community. The ASNIC SG Officers will conduct themselves in a manner worthy of representing all students as the representatives of the student population. Thus, the ASNIC SG has created what shall hereby be known as the Code of Ethics. ASNIC SG Officers responsibility regarding the Code of Ethics shall be outlined herein.



SECTION 2. Eligibility

CLAUSE 1. Credit Hours

To be eligible to serve as an ASNIC Officer in a Senate, President, or Vice President position a student must be enrolled in at least 9 credit hours at North Idaho College, it is highly recommended to be enrolled in 12. If an ASNIC member is in a program, such as Nursing or Radiography, that only allows a certain number of credits per semester the credit load can be waived because the credit load may be lower than 9 credits.

CLAUSE 2. Grade Point Average

Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better to run for office and hold ASNIC-based positions, and are required to maintain a GPA of 2.5 or better while serving in an ASNIC SG role (to include Student Government, Events Board, and other hired ASNIC SG affiliates). The ASNIC SG Bylaws outline procedures in the case the 2.5 GPA or better is not maintained.

CLAUSE 3. Term Limits

A student may not serve for more than six spring and fall semesters as any ASNIC SG Officer in any capacity. A student cannot serve for more than a total of two spring and fall semesters as ASNIC SG President or Vice President.

SECTION 3. Elections and Process to Fill Vacant Positions

CLAUSE 1. Elections

All requirements for conducting the ASNIC SG elections and campaigns shall be governed by guidelines as set forth in the ASNIC SG Bylaws. All elections and campaigns are supported by the ASNIC SG Election Committee.

CLAUSE 2. Voting

All ASNIC SG elections must have voting open for at least a full week when voting during the ASNIC SG elections. Students have the ability to cast one vote for President, one vote for Vice President, one vote per open Senate seat, and one vote for at least one Dual Credit Senator position. No candidate may receive more than one vote per student.

CLAUSE 3. Vacant Positions

If a student government position becomes vacant open during the semester, members of the ASNIC Student Government may conduct interviews of interested candidates. The full process for filling vacancies is outlined in the ASNIC SG Bylaws.



SECTION 4. Officer Review Process

Midterm and Semester Evaluations: Every ASNIC SG Officer shall participate an review of their work as Officers during midterm and at the end of each semester. The purpose of this review is to assess achievements and provide recommendations for improvement. The process for the reviews is outlined in the ASNIC SG Bylaws.

SECTION 5. Resigning or Removal from Student Government Positions

CLAUSE 1. If an ASNICSG member wishes to resign a letter of resignation should be provided to the ASNIC SG President and the Advisor(s).

CLAUSE 2. Removal of office may occur for negligence of duties, poor academic performance, and/or a serious violation of the ethical or behavioral standards set out in the Student Handbook.

CLAUSE 3. The process for removal of the ASNIC SG Officer from office is outlined in the Bylaws.

CLAUSE 4. An appeal process is available for an officer removed from the ASNIC SG and is outlined in the ASNIC SG Bylaws.

ARTICLE III. ASNIC STUDENT EVENTS BOARD

SECTION 1. STUDENT EVENTS BOARD

The ASNIC Student Events Board will consist of North Idaho College student members working under the umbrella of the ASNIC SG contingent on funding availability from year to year. These team associates will be hired for as funding permits Student Events Board members work to create events and activities that engage the campus community and make it a more collegial and welcoming environment.

SECTION 2. Eligibility

The Student Events Board Team members are held to the same GPA standards as the ASNIC SG Officers.

SECTION 3. Advisor Role

The operations of the Student Events Board will be left to the discretion of the presiding ASNIC . Operational powers given do include but are not limited to the hiring, removal, and day to day operations of the Student Events Board.



ARTICLE IV. ASNIC CLUBS

ASNIC Clubs provide students opportunities for learning outside the classroom; meeting people with similar interests; developing life, work, and leadership skills; gaining a broader experience and a greater perspective, and engaging students as citizens of the campus community.

SECTION 1. Management

CLAUSE 1. Governing Documents

ASNIC SG shall charge that all policies, operations, formations, and management of clubs will be outlined in the club handbook. Intra Club Council (ICC) will submit recommendations for revisions to the Club Handbook to the ASNIC SG for final approval.

SECTION 2. Intra Club Council Structure and Function

CLAUSE 1. Governing Powers

The Intra Club Council has limited governance over club affairs as it relates to the sustainability and development of clubs. ICC will meet on a monthly basis to approve new clubs, share projects, hold clubs accountable to the procedures set within the club handbook, and make recommendations for the handbook on an annual basis. Under special circumstances, the ASNIC SG may temporarily remove governing powers.

CLAUSE 2. Membership

The Intra Club Council will be chaired by the Vice President of the ASNIC SG and include one representative from each ASNIC Club and at least two ASNIC SG Senators.

SECTION 3. ASNIC Club Handbook

CLAUSE 1. Annual Review

The ASNIC Clubs Handbook will be reviewed by the Vice President of the ASNIC SG and the Intra Club Council on an ongoing basis to ensure a high-quality approach to the creation, policy development, operations, and management of ASNIC Clubs. Major changes will be approved by majority vote of the ASNIC SG.



ARTICLE V. ASNIC STUDENT GOVERNMENT GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

SECTION 1. Establishment and Revisions to the Constitution

CLAUSE 1. The Constitution shall be written and amended by the ASNIC Student Government. Revisions to the Constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of ASNIC Student Government or a petition signed by 10% of ASNIC members.

CLAUSE 2. The ASNIC Student Government must provide notice of proposed revisions and pending vote by publicly posting the draft revised document for at least one week to allow viewing and comments by all ASNIC members. The changes can be approved by a simple majority vote of those cast by the ASNIC constituents.

CLAUSE 3. A simple majority positive vote of the participating ASNIC is required to pass amendments to this Constitution (more yay than nay of cast votes).

CLAUSE 4. The most current version of the ASNIC SG Constitution supersedes all past versions.

SECTION 2. Establishment and Revision of the Bylaws

CLAUSE 1. The ASNIC SG Bylaws shall be written and amended by the ASNIC SG and affirmed by a 2/3 majority vote of said body. Any revisions to the ASNIC SG Bylaws must be documented in the minutes in which the changes were authorized. Detailed guidelines for bylaw revisions are found therein.

CLAUSE 2. The most current version of the ASNIC SG Bylaws supersedes all past versions.