

**Proposed Changes to the ASUPS Constitution
Spring 2024**

Section	Changes
Article I, Section 3: Membership (<i>page 1</i>)	The Constitution previously referenced ASUPS' oversight of all undergraduate and graduate students. The constitution now references only undergraduate students.
Article I, Section 3: Membership (<i>page 1</i>)	Removed the phrase "who pay general fees" in the first sentence, as it is referenced later in the paragraph. In the last sentence, "pay membership fees" is replaced with "pay the undergraduate comprehensive student fee", to be more specific about the fees being referenced.
Article I, Section 4: Authority (<i>page 1</i>)	Added "consistent with authority granted by the Board of Trustees" to clarify that the Board has oversight of ASUPS.
Article I, Section 6: Non-discrimination (<i>page 2</i>)	Updated the phrasing on non-discrimination to match the university's non-discrimination information.
Article II, Section 2: Office of the President (<i>page 2</i>)	"One (1) month's pay" is adjusted to "one (1) month's leadership stipend disbursement". Throughout the document, language reflecting "paycheck" will be adjusted similarly, to reflect that ASUPS leadership positions are not student staff positions and are compensated with a stipend rather than an hourly wage.
Article II, Section 3: Responsibilities and Powers of the President-Elect, bullet H (<i>page 3</i>)	Replaced "paychecks" with "disbursement of leadership stipend" for reasons articulated above. Removed the word "satisfactory" as its meaning was unclear.
Article II, Section 4: Responsibilities and Powers of the President, bullet F (removed) (<i>page 3</i>)	Removing the reference to the Student Leadership Council, as it is no longer active.
Article II, Section 4: Responsibilities and Powers of the President, bullet G (<i>page 3</i>)	Removed "in order to effect the policies of the ASUPS Senate", as the responsibilities of the General Manager are articulated in Article II Section 8.
Article II, Section 4: Responsibilities and Powers of the President, bullet H (<i>page 3</i>)	Added "consistent with university policy and federal, state, and local laws and ordinances"

	to clarify that ASUPS personnel decisions must abide by these.
Article II, Section 4: Responsibilities and Powers of the President, bullet I (<i>page 3</i>)	The bullet previously read “sign contracts”. Substituted “contracts” for “ASUPS leadership stipend agreement and agreements with other university departments” to clarify that the ASUPS President has authority to sign only these types of agreements.
Article II, Section 4: Responsibilities and Powers of the President, bullet N (<i>page 4</i>)	Added “and collaborate with the Secretary of the Board on matters related to the Board of Trustees” to specify the collaborative role the ASUPS President plays with the Secretary of the Board.
Article II, Section 4: Responsibilities and Powers of the President, bullets P and Q (<i>page 4</i>)	Removed “on a weekly basis” from these bullets, to allow more flexibility for the Cabinet and President’s Council to meet on whatever schedule determined most appropriate.
Article II, Section 4: Responsibilities and Powers of the President, bullet U (<i>page 4</i>)	Added a bullet point to clarify that the ASUPS President should regularly collaborate with the Vice President for Student Affairs and other university Vice Presidents or administrators on issues pertinent to the undergraduate student body.
Article II, Section 5: The Office of the Vice President (<i>page 4</i>)	Replaced “one (1) month’s pay” with “one (1) month’s leadership stipend disbursement” for reasons articulated above.
Article II, Section 6: Responsibilities and Powers of the Vice President-Elect, bullet F (<i>page 5</i>)	Added a note that the ASUPS Vice President-Elect will work in coordination with the Associate Director of Leadership and Engagement staff member in the planning of the Spring Senate Retreat.
Article II, Section 6: Responsibilities and Powers of the Vice President-Elect, bullet K (<i>page 5</i>)	Replacing “paychecks” with “leadership stipend disbursements” for reasons articulated above.
Article II, Section 7: Responsibilities and Powers of the Vice President, bullet N (<i>page 6</i>)	Bullet N is adapted to reflect that the ASUPS Vice President will work in coordination with the Club Coordinator staff member to maintain contact information for all clubs.
Article II, Section 7: Responsibilities and Powers of the Vice President, bullet P (<i>page 6</i>)	Added an additional bullet to specify that the Vice President will preside over the Senate as Senate Chair Pro Tempore in the absence of an elected Chair, as is referenced elsewhere in the Constitution.

<p>Article II, Section 8: The General Manager (page 6)</p>	<p>This section is updated to specify that the General Manager shall be the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the university or shall be designated by agreement of the CFO and the ASUPS President.</p>
<p>Article II, Section 11: Transition Powers and Section 12: Inauguration (page 7)</p>	<p>Replaced “paycheck” with “leadership stipend disbursement” throughout these two sections for reasons articulated above.</p>
<p>Article III, Section 2: Membership of the Legislative Branch: Introduction (page 8)</p>	<p>Added the phrase “all of which are voting members unless otherwise designated” in the introduction to make it more clear that all members are voting members unless otherwise specified.</p>
<p>Article III, Section 2: Membership of the Legislative Branch: Bullets G and H (page 8)</p>	<p>Added a bullet to include the Secretary of the Senate as a non-voting member, which was previously not included in this section. Also added a bullet to note that a Graduate Student Executive Representative is appointed by the Graduate Student Council to serve on the Senate (rather than being elected, as graduate students do not pay the undergraduate comprehensive fee and therefore are not designated as members of ASUPS), and to note that the Graduate Student Executive Representative is non-voting.</p>
<p>Article III, Section 3: Powers and Responsibilities, bullet C (page 8)</p>	<p>Given the previous lack of clarity on what legislation ASUPS is able to pass, a note was added that legislation must be internal to ASUPS, such as the formation of committees, resolutions, and official statements.</p>
<p>Article III, Section 3: Powers and Responsibilities, bullet G (page 9)</p>	<p>Adapted this bullet to reflect the removal of the Identity-Based Club Liaison and Club Sports Liaison. These are removed since the new role of ASUPS Club Liaison will work with the Club Coordinator staff member to manage and liaise with all clubs.</p>
<p>Article III, Section 3: Powers and Responsibilities, bullet I (page 9)</p>	<p>Added a bullet to specify that the ASUPS Senate is encouraged to play a role in advocating for student interests in local, regional, and state government.</p>
<p>Article III, Section 4: Officers, Introduction (page 9)</p>	<p>Adding in the Chair Pro Tempore as one of the Officers of the Senate</p>

<p>Article III, Section 4: Officers, bullet A (<i>page 9</i>)</p>	<p>Added language expanding on the role of the Chair to delegate responsibilities to other Senators.</p>
<p>Article III, Section 3: Officers, bullet B (<i>page 9</i>)</p>	<p>A note was added that the ASUPS Club Liaison role will consult with the Club Coordinator staff member on issues related to club management.</p>
<p>Article III, Section 4: Officers, bullet C (<i>page 9</i>)</p>	<p>Removed the role of Identity-Based Club Liaison. The Identity-Based Club Liaison role was removed since the ASUPS Club Liaison will work with the Club Coordinator staff member to manage and liaise with all clubs.</p> <p>This bullet now specifies the role of the Chair Pro Tempore.</p>
<p>Article III, Section 3: Officers, bullet D (removed) (<i>page 9</i>)</p>	<p>Removed the role of Club Sports Liaison. The Club Sports Liaison role was removed since the ASUPS Club Liaison will work with the Club Coordinator staff member to manage and liaise with all clubs.</p>
<p>Article III, Section 5: Secretary of the Senate (<i>page 9</i>)</p>	<p>A note is added to specify that the Secretary of the Senate is a non-voting member. The title of the ASUPS Operations Coordinator is also updated (was previously “Administrative Assistant”).</p>
<p>Article III, Section 11: Quorum (<i>page 10</i>)</p>	<p>The phrase “$\frac{2}{3}$ of the current voting membership” is replaced with “$\frac{2}{3}$ of the sitting senators”, to make it easier for the senate to reach quorum during times when there may not be a full roster of senators seated.</p>
<p>Article IV, Section 2: Membership (<i>page 11</i>)</p>	<p>This section is re-formatted to break out which members of the Honor Court serve in an advisory capacity and which are justices, for additional clarity.</p>
<p>Article IV, Section 2: Membership (<i>page 11</i>)</p>	<p>The number of members on the ASUPS Honor Court is adjusted to 5 students and 3 alternates (previously 7 students and 5 alternates). This adjusted number will allow the Honor Court to function more effectively.</p>
<p>Article IV, Section 3: Powers and Responsibilities (<i>page 11</i>)</p>	<p>This sentence is clarified to be more specific about the documents which can guide the jurisdiction of the Honor Court.</p>

<p>Article IV, Section 5: Removal (<i>page 12</i>)</p>	<p>This section is re-formatted to break out the process for removal and replacement of Justices and Advisors, and to add the process for how Advisors are removed, which was previously specified.</p>
<p>Article V, Section 1: General Elections, bullet A (<i>page 13</i>)</p>	<p>This section is adjusted to remove the Graduate Student Executive Representative, as ASUPS membership does not comprise graduate students and therefore their representative is not elected from the membership.</p>
<p>Article V, Section 2: Fall General Election, Introduction and Bullet G (<i>page 13</i>)</p>	<p>This section is adjusted to remove the Graduate Student Executive Representative for reasons stated above.</p>
<p>Article V, Section 5: Limitations (<i>page 14</i>)</p>	<p>Adjusting this section to specify that a student may serve in more than one branch (for example, writing for The Trail and serving as an ASUPS Senator), but they may not hold a leadership position in two branches in order to avoid a conflict of interest.</p>
<p>Article VII, Section 1: Amendments and Revisions (<i>page 15-16</i>)</p>	<p>This section is broken out to differentiate between the process for ASUPS amending the constitution and for the Board of Trustees amending the constitution. Language is added specifying the Board of Trustees' ability to amend the ASUPS Constitution and the process that would be followed for such amendments, including the opportunity for impact gathering and opportunities for ASUPS leadership to speak on proposed changes to the Board of Trustees.</p>
<p>Article VIII, Section 1: List and Establishment (<i>page 16</i>)</p>	<p>"Clubs and Organizations Governing Guidelines" is updated to be "Clubs and Organizations Recognition Guidelines", to reflect the fact that ASUPS' role will focus on club recognition and funding, rather than club management.</p>
<p>Article IX, Section 3: Vacancy of the Office of the President and Vice President (<i>page 17</i>)</p>	<p>Adding "undergraduate student" to clarify that the faculty, staff, and graduate student representatives of the Senate are not eligible to be elected President Pro Tempore.</p>