

ASIAN-AMERICAN STUDENT UNION CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

Established during the Civil Rights Movement,
Striving to be the voice of Asian-Americans at the University,
Aiming to promote understanding of the diverse Asian/Pacific cultures, and
Providing a cultural experience to the University and its surrounding communities,

We, the students at the University of Minnesota, do ordain and establish the Constitution of the
Asian-American Student Union.

ARTICLE 1. ASIAN-AMERICAN STUDENT UNION

Section 1. The Asian-American Student Union represents the Asian American students at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. Any registered student at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus has the right to be a member of the Asian-American Student Union. All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in the elected officers of the Asian-American Student Union. No policy shall become official unless approved by the officers.

Section 2. Students of the University of Minnesota will be recognized as members of the Asian-American Student Union upon completion of a membership form. A list of members must be kept in the Asian-American Student Union office by the Secretary. Members will have the opportunity to join committees at General Assembly meetings to help organize Asian-American Student Union events.

Section 3. The Asian-American Student Union General Assembly shall comprise of various student group constituencies who can apply for representation as per the bylaws of this organization. The General Assembly shall oversee the overall welfare of the Asian-American Student Union and its officers.

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ARTICLE 2. OFFICERS

Section 1. The President is elected in the elections during the spring. The President is the chief executive and primary spokesman of the Asian-American Student Union. The President's responsibilities shall include presiding over all the meetings, proposing policies and programs to the Asian-American Student Union board, acting as a liaison between University Administration and the Asian-American Student Union board, supervising office policies, and appointing a Vice-President should that position become vacant, subject to approval of the Asian-American Student Union board.

Section 2. The Vice-President's duties shall include assisting the President in carrying out his/her duties, performing the President's duties should he/she be absent or incapacitated, becoming President if the office of the President is vacant, and carrying out any other duties as delegated by the Asian-American Student Union board.

Section 3. The Secretary's duties shall include taking minutes at the Asian-American Student Union meetings, regulating attendance of General Assembly membership, overseeing internal General Assembly business, checking and maintaining the e-mail account, collecting and distributing mail, serving as interim president should both offices become vacant concurrently, and carrying out other duties as delegated by the Asian-American Student Union board.

Section 4. The Treasurer will be in charge of carrying out responsibilities for maintaining accurate accounts of the Asian-American Student Union's income and expenditures. Additional responsibilities include oversight of the financial breakdown of the annual student services fees request and of the cultural grant. The Treasurer will also work with the President to ensure Asian-American Student Union fiscal responsibility.

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ARTICLE 3. MISCONDUCT & IMPEACHMENT

Asian-American Student Union officers or members suspected of misconduct or wrongdoing may be impeached if ten General Assembly members petition the Asian-American Student Union board. The accused officer or member shall be given seven days notice and shall have the opportunity to present their case to the Asian-American Student Union board. Following the presentation, the General Assembly members may vote to remove that officer or member with a two-thirds vote present at the time of voting. Grounds for removal are substantial failure to perform duties mandated in the Constitution and Bylaws, direct and substantial interference with actions of other officers and members in their attempt to carry out constitutionally mandated duties, deliberate misuse of funds, substantial violations of local, state, or federal laws while in office, substantial violation of University policy while in office, or deliberately misleading the Asian-American Student Union or its General Assembly while in office.

ARTICLE 4. AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly. Amendments become effective upon ratification by a majority of those members voting. Any amendments made to the Constitution shall be recorded by change made and date in the addendum to this Constitution.

ARTICLE 5. BUSINESS

The fiscal year of the Asian-American Student Union shall commence on May 1 and end April 30 of the following year. The Asian-American Student Union shall not provide any monetary gain, incidental or otherwise, to its officers or membership. This also restricts payment of wages, salaries and stipends to the officers and members.

ARTICLE 6. ERRATA

Any questions or disagreements concerning the language or interpretation of this Constitution or Bylaws shall be referred to the Asian-American Student Union board for review and adjudication, subject to approval by the General Assembly.

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ARTICLE 7. DISSOLVING

In the event that the Asian-American Student Union were to dissolve before or during the academic school year, the remaining funds will be distributed as follows. All affiliates are able to receive the difference in Cultural Grants that they are entitled to each year, as designated by the Asian-American Student Union board, without application. Each affiliate may not receive more than the difference between what they have already obtained that academic year and the maximum allowed value stated in the Bylaws. The remaining funds of the Asian-American Student Union will be dispersed to the Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence (MCAE). A meeting consisting of the Asian-American Student Union board and the appropriate faculty/staff for MCAE must be conducted to discuss intended usage of funds prior to dispersal. It is within the discretion of the Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence to distribute their attained funds appropriately various University departments, student organizations, or members of the University community for educational or cultural programming in accordance with the intended mission of the Asian-American Student Union.

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