



The Constitution of the Associated Students of Helena College

Helena College of the University of Montana
ASHC
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Preamble

We, the student body of Helena College, University of Montana, have the right and collective authority of self-governance for the enhancement of our education. In order to preserve and further these aims; to promote understanding and involvement among all members of the College community; to represent, advocate, and promulgate the interest of the student body; to serve as liaisons in the administrative processes of Helena College; to protect our right to govern ourselves and accept responsibility of promoting the quality of student life; to be the official voice of students in academic, institutional, and campus affairs; we do hereby establish this Constitution for the Associated Students of Helena College.

Article 1. Name and Membership

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Associated Students of Helena College, hereinafter referred to as ASHC.

Section 2. A member of ASHC shall be defined as any student government fee-paying student of Helena College.

Section 3. Members are entitled to participate in the official proceedings of the body and to seek office for any position within ASHC in accordance with the established bylaws.

Article 2. Purpose

ASHC shall be the representative body of the members of the association, organized exclusively for educational and non-profit purposes. The primary responsibilities of ASHC are to serve as an advocate for the general welfare of Helena College students, serve as a forum for student participation in student clubs and organizations, conduct business on behalf of the student body, and provide official representation for student opinion and action, as well as other services regarding the College's internal and external affairs.

Article 3. Management and Structure

Section 1. The management of ASHC will be vested in the Executive Branch, which will employ necessary staff and maintain student administration as outlined in the ASHC Bylaws.

Section 2. ASHC will function through the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch. The duties of each are outlined in the ASHC Bylaws.

Section 3. All officers and branches will have the primary duties of determining and representing student opinion and executing the appropriate action as defined in the bylaws.

Section 4. ASHC and related activities must comply with ASHC Bylaws, Helena College Student Code of Conduct, the policies of the Montana Board of Regents on Higher Education, and Montana State Code Annotated.

Section 5. ASHC is responsible for ensuring all clubs, activities, and events adhere to the spirit and intent of the ASHC Constitution, ASHC Bylaws, and Helena College Student Code of Conduct.

Article 4. Financial Policy

Section 1. The Associated Student Fee is the fee paid by all registered students of Helena College (excluding dual enrollment) for the financing of student activity areas as approved by the Board of Regents. All allocations must be supported by a majority vote of the ASHC Senate.

Section 2. The financial affairs of ASHC must be conducted according to the Bylaws of ASHC.

Article 5. Severability

Section 1. If any section of this Constitution is found to be illegal or in conflict with Montana Code Annotated, the validity of the remaining portions will not be affected, and the remainder of this Constitution will be construed and enforced as if it did not contain the section held to be invalid.

Section 2. The ASHC Bylaws will regulate any functions, authorities, or procedures not defined in this Constitution.