



ASNIC CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the students of North Idaho College, in order to represent the student body in the governance of North Idaho College; to foster relations with the staff, faculty, and administration of North Idaho College; and to secure for ourselves a stable and reliable representative government, do establish this constitution for the Associated Students of North Idaho College.

Article I. Associated Students of North Idaho College

SECTION 1. Establishment of ASNIC

CLAUSE 1. Name

The Student Body Organization under this constitution shall be known as the Associated Students of North Idaho College. The official abbreviation shall be ASNIC.

CLAUSE 2. Membership

All students paying ASNIC fees are members of ASNIC.

CLAUSE 3. Discrimination Policy

Associated Students of North Idaho College 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

The students shall establish and maintain ASNIC Student Government, ASNIC Student Events, and ASNIC Clubs.

CLAUSE 5. Authority

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 ASNIC and to view all open records of ASNIC. Records will be made available upon request.

SECTION 2. ASNIC Finances

CLAUSE 1. Funding

ASNIC 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 account.

CLAUSE 2. Accounting

SUB-CLAUSE 1. The Student Union/Auxiliary Services Accountant shall account for all funds of ASNIC, maintain accounts payable incurred by ASNIC, and maintain annual financial statements.

SUB-CLAUSE 2. The Student Union/Auxiliary Services Accountant shall assist ASNIC Student Government, and submit to the ASNIC Student Government a budget report from the preceding year.

CLAUSE 3. Financial Management

The ASNIC Student Government President along with the ASNIC advisor shall be responsible for the fiscal management of the ASNIC budget.

CLAUSE 4. Budget

The Annual budget will be developed by a budget committee and affirmed by the ASNIC Student Government during a board meeting. The outline of the budget committee is defined in the Bylaws.

SECTION 3. ASNIC ADVISOR

CLAUSE 1. Employee Status

A North Idaho College employee shall act as the advisor to ASNIC. The ASNIC Advisor shall assist and advise ASNIC as needed. The Advisor must be a full-time staff member within student services.

CLAUSE 2. Appointment & Time Commitment

The ASNIC Advisor shall be appointed by the Vice President of Student Services. The Advisor must designate a significant portion of her/his time to the organization, as part of their official job description.

CLAUSE 3. Additional Advisors

The ASNIC Bylaws shall include a procedure for appointing assistant ASNIC Advisors, in the event that the Executive Board and ASNIC Advisor feel they are necessary.

Article II. ASNIC Student Government

SECTION 1. Student Government Representative Board

Through our leadership, we ascertain, present, and resolve student concerns; seek opportunities for improvement; provide resources; enhance student life and the community around us.

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 elected positions: ASNIC President, ASNIC Vice-President, and eight ASNIC Senators. Of the senators, one is to serve as Senate Pro Tempore.

CLAUSE 3. Presiding Officer

The ASNIC President shall preside over ASNIC Student Government. 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 Senate Pro Tempore shall preside over ASNIC Student Government. The current presiding officer of the ASNIC Student Government shall vote only in the case of a tie.

CLAUSE 4. Executive board

The executive board shall consist of the President, Vice President and the Senate Pro Tempore as voting members, the ASNIC advisor shall be an ex-officio member.

CLAUSE 5. Duties

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

CLAUSE 6. The Bushido

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

SECTION 2. Eligibility

CLAUSE 1. Credit Hours

To be eligible to serve as an ASNIC representative in a Senator position a student must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours at North Idaho College. For a student to be eligible to serve as an ASNIC representative in the position of President or Vice President the student must be enrolled in at least 8 credit hours at North Idaho College.

CLAUSE 2. Grade Point Average

Each ASNIC Student Government representatives must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better for the previous four semesters. ASNIC Student Government members are required to maintain a 2.5 GPA or greater for each semester they serve in office. If any exception to the grade point average of an officer must be granted, it shall be presented as an appeal to the Executive Board for discussion, and voted on by the ASNIC Executive Board. If a member of the Executive Board is appealing they then must recuse themselves from the Executive Board. Temporary status will be given to a senator to serve on the Executive board to create a quorum of three members to vote on the appeal.

CLAUSE 3. Term

A student shall not serve for more than a total of four spring and fall semesters as an ASNIC Senator or ASNIC Vice President. Nor shall a student serve for more than a total of six spring and fall semesters as an ASNIC Officer in any capacity.

SECTION 3. Elections & Vacant Positions

CLAUSE 1. Election

All elections and campaigns will be governed by an Election Committee. Regulations for election will be outlined in the ASNIC By-laws. Requirements for ASNIC candidates running for elected offices shall be made by the Election Committee and presented to candidates. All campaigns shall be governed by campaign guidelines as set forth in the ASNIC Bylaws.

CLAUSE 2. Voting

Voting will take place during a full school week. All fee paying students have the ability to cast a single vote for President, Vice-President and eight votes distributed to the Senators running.

CLAUSE 3. Vacant Positions

Shall be filled by Presidential appointment. The appointment must be approved by a majority vote of ASNIC Student Government. The ASNIC Bylaws shall provide a process for the replacement of vacant ASNIC Student Government positions.

CLAUSE 4. Officer Removal

The ASNIC Bylaws shall provide a process to relieve ASNIC Officers of their duties.

SECTION 4. Recall of an Officer

Recall is the manner in which the student population of NIC shall remove an ASNIC Officer from his or her elected position.

CLAUSE 1. Recall Process

1. ASNIC Officers may be recalled by a petition of signatures from the student body equal to thirty percent (30%) or more of the eligible voting population.
2. The petition shall be submitted to the ASNIC Advisor.
3. The petition shall also identify the charges against the listed ASNIC Officer(s).

4. If the petition signatures are sufficient, the ASNIC Advisor shall conduct an election within ten school days from the receipt of the petition. Removal from office shall only occur when the numbers of “yes” votes are at least two-thirds of total recall votes.
5. The ballot must identify the specific ASNIC Officer(s) affected.
6. The ballot shall also identify the charges against the listed ASNIC Officer(s).
7. The ballot must contain a rebuttal by the ASNIC Officer(s) affected.
8. The recall election shall be administered and the votes shall be verified by the North Idaho College Vice President of Student Services and the ASNIC Advisor.

Article III. ASNIC Student Events

The duties of ASNIC Student Events shall be to promote a balanced college educational experience by providing a network of events and activities for the co-curricular enjoyment of the students.

"To provide quality programming to NIC students, our campus community, and the Coeur d'Alene community, as well as offering student involvement opportunities outside the classroom."

SECTION 1. ASNIC Student Events

CLAUSE 1. Board Makeup

The ASNIC Student Events Board shall consist of hired members and, of those, one shall be designated Student Events Chair.

SECTION 2. Eligibility

CLAUSE 1. Grade Point Average

All ASNIC Student Event Members must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better for the previous four semesters. All ASNIC Student Event Members are required to maintain a 2.5 GPA or greater for each semester they serve in office. If any exception to the grade point average of an officer must be granted, it shall be presented to the Student Events Chair and Advisor for discussion and approval.

SECTION 3. Operations

CLAUSE 1. Operations

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

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 Student Government shall charge that all policy's, operations, formations, and management of clubs will be outlined in the club handbook.

SECTION 2. Intra-Club Council

CLAUSE 1. Governing Powers

The governing powers of clubs are given to the Intra-Club Council. The Intra Club Council will meet on a monthly basis to review business set policy and procedure for the ASNIC Clubs, hold the clubs accountable to the club handbook, and induct new clubs.

CLAUSE 2. Membership

The Intra Club Council will be made up of a single representative from each ASNIC Club, two Senators from ASNIC Student Government and the Vice President of Student Government will serve as the chair of the council body.

SECTION 3. Club Handbook

CLAUSE 1. Annual Review

The Club Handbook will be reviewed by the Vice President of ASNIC on an Annual basis to ensure policy, operation, formation, and management of ASNIC clubs is maintained. Once Revisions are complete the new copy will be submitted to the Intra-Club Council for approval by simple majority vote.

Article V. Bylaws

SECTION 1. Establishment of Bylaws

CLAUSE 1.

Bylaws shall be written and amended by the ASNIC Student Government and affirmed by 2/3 majority vote.

Article VI. Amendments

SECTION 1. Amending Constitution

CLAUSE 1.

This Constitution may be revised or amended in an ASNIC election, by providing notice of proposed revisions posted in a public manner for viewing by the ASNIC membership. The changes can be approved by a simple majority of the votes cast.

CLAUSE 2.

The revisions may be proposed by a majority vote of ASNIC Student Government, or a petition signed by twenty percent of ASNIC membership.

SECTION 2. Supersedes

CLAUSE 1.

The latest version of the ASNIC Constitution shall supersede all previous ASNIC Constitutions and shall have an updated copyright at the bottom of the document.

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