

Newport High School STUDENT CONSTITUTION



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NEWPORT ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE:

For the stimulation and promotion of intra-school relations, the development and strengthening of individual character, the fostering of ideas and the achievement of integrity and unity throughout Newport High School, we, the students, do ordain this Constitution.

ARTICLE I. TITLE

This organization shall be known as the Newport Associated Student Body (NASB).

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be comprised of all students of Newport High School.

ARTICLE III. STUDENT COUNCIL

Section I. The Student Senate shall consist of one primary and one alternate student representative from each second period class run by the ASB officers.

Section II. The term of office and manner of election of Student Senate Representatives shall be determined by the ASB President and shall be enforced upon each second period class.

Section III. The NASB President shall facilitate and conduct the Student Senate meetings.

ARTICLE IV. PROGRAM DELIVERY COUNCIL, (PDC)

Section I. The Program Delivery Council shall consist of the principal, teacher's department heads, four senators, a committee of six parents in the community, and one clerical representative.

Section II. Decisions are made according to PDC rules.

ARTICLE V. GOVERNING POWERS

Both the Student Senate and the PDC shall be responsible to the entire school community for passing needed legislation and resolutions to promote the general welfare of the school community.

ARTICLE VI. BUDGET

The Newport Budget Committee shall consist of the Activities Director, the Athletics Director, school accountant, the future ASB Treasurer, Vice President,, President in addition to the present ASB Treasurer, Vice President, and President. It shall be the duty of this committee to oversee the preparation of an ASB budget for the following fiscal year and submit it to the Bellevue School Board of Directors for its approval.

ARTICLE VII. BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

- Section I. To be placed on the Student Senate, a bill or resolution must be submitted to one of the ASB officers prior to the Student Senate.
- Section II. Any bill or resolution may be brought from the floor of the Student Senate.
- Section III. A Student Senate bill or resolution, which receives a majority of the votes cast by Student Senate, shall become law 15 school days after its passage unless, within 15 school days the PDC or administration, by a 2/3-majority of the votes, vetos the bill or resolution.

ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES OF THE NASB OFFICERS

- Section I.
1. All NASB officers must have an ASB card.
 2. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer must be elected as juniors. The four senators will be represented by two from the Senior class, one from the Junior class, and one from the Sophomore class.
 3. Every NASB officer and class officer must have a minimum 2.5 accumulative GPA.
 4. The NASB advisor is the activities director unless otherwise stated.
 5. All elected officers and those who ran for office are automatically recommended for the leadership class entrance process. Other interested students must be recommended by three teachers. Students pick up application forms from office and are responsible for requesting recommendations.
- Section II. THE NASB PRESIDENT SHALL:
1. Preside over all Student Senate meetings.
 2. Preside over all general meetings of the NASB.
 3. Appoint all NASB committees and have knowledge of their proceedings.
 4. Present an address to the Student Senate stating the condition of the NASB upon completing his term of office.
 5. Act as the official representative of the NASB, subject to the confirmation and approval of the Student Senate.
 6. Assist in the preparation of the following school year and future school year budget.

7. Act as co-host of spirit assemblies with the Senior class President.

Section III. THE NASB VICE PRESIDENT SHALL:

1. Act as president in the president's absence.
2. Organize inter-high trips and represents NHS as a permanent inter-high representative.
3. Co-chair with the treasurer the Newport budget committee.

Section IV. THE NASB SECRETARY SHALL:

1. Type and distribute, by the following week, minutes of each Student Senate meeting to the school account, administrators, and Student Senate representatives in addition to keeping a collective binder of these minutes of the year.
2. Retype the constitution at the end of the school year, including all amendments.
3. Organize the agendas of the Student Senate meetings.

Section V. THE NASB TREASURER SHALL:

1. Keep an accurate account of all student body funds.
2. Present a monthly financial report to the Student Senate and board of control.
3. Serve as a general representative on all NASB fundraising committees.
4. Assist vice principal and the Newport budget committee in the following school year's NASB's budget.

Section VI. THE NASB SENATOR SHALL:

1. Attend all PDC meetings and take an active role in representing the students' best interest.
2. Report PDC proceedings to the Student Senate.
3. Attend all district Student Senate meetings.
4. Represent NHS in district Student Senate meetings and report to Student Senate (senior, junior, and sophomore representatives only).

Section VII.

NASB officers shall be non-voting members of the Student Senate.

ARTICLE IX. DUTIES OF CLASS OFFICERS

Section I.

1. Each class shall be represented by the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, activities coordinator, and historian (senior class only).
2. All class officers must have an NASB card.
3. Every class officer must have a minimum 2.5 accumulative GPA.

4. The term of the class officers will begin the first day of the following school year and will end on the last day of school for the elected class officer.
5. Senior officers shall work together for prom, graduation, and the homecoming dance.

Section II. THE CLASS PRESIDENT SHALL:

1. Head the reunion committee (senior class president only).
2. Act as the chairperson to organize class halls and floats.
3. Coordinate class activities throughout the year.

Section III. THE CLASS VICE PRESIDENT SHALL:

1. Act as president in the president's absence.
2. Act as the co-chair person to organize class halls and floats.

Section IV. THE CLASS SECRETARY SHALL:

1. Prepare agendas for the meetings.

Section V. THE CLASS TREASURER SHALL:

1. Sign all purchase orders, transfer forms, requests for checks, and any other financial forms concerning class activities.
2. Act as the chairperson to organize class sweats.

Section VI. THE CLASS ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR SHALL:

1. Act as the chairperson of class fundraisers.

Section VII. THE SENIOR HISTORIANS SHALL:

1. Oversee the senior alphabet, senior assembly, looking backs, senior Knight life and senior video.
2. Act as the co-chair of the reunion committee.

ARTICLE X. SUCCESSION TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Section I. In the event the NASB president is no longer able to hold office (physical or mental inability to function, or impeachment) the vice-president shall succeed him/her.

Section II. If the position of vice president, secretary, treasurer, or senator becomes vacant, the student body shall select the successor to fulfill the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE XI. REMOVAL OF NASB AND CLASS OFFICERS

Section I. Grounds for the removal of any NASB or class officer member shall be failure to carryout the responsibilities of his/her office as enumerated in this constitution.

Section II. All petitions for removal shall be reviewed for validity by the activities director, class advisor (if pertaining) and the principal.

Section III. Removal from office shall be accomplished by a 2/3-majority vote by the related officers.

ARTICLE XII. ORGANIZATION CHARTERS AND STATUS

Section I. To receive officer NASB recognition, all new organization clubs need to be voted upon by the Student Senate. A majority vote by Student Senate for approval shall permit the organization to have officer status within the NASB activity program.

Section II. Any organization can withdraw expenditures for any amount up to its current balance from its NASB account without the necessity of a special NASB appropriation to that effect.

ARTICLE XIII. OFFICER ALLOWANCE

All NASB officers and officials elected or appointed prior to the ratification of this constitution shall continue serving at their post for the remainder of their terms.

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS

Section I. This constitution shall be amended only a 2/3 or greater vote of the members of the Student Senate.

ARTICLE XV. VETO POWER

Section I. The principal of NHS has the authority to veto any bill that shall be passed by the Student Senate.

Section II. If a bill is vetoed by the principal, it must be returned to the Student Senate within 30 school days of final passage by the Student Senate.

Section III. If a bill is neither signed nor vetoed within 15 school days of final passage by Student Senate, it shall become law without the principal's signature.

ARTICLE XVI. INTERPRETATIONS

Any questions of interpretation of this constitution shall be decided by a majority vote Student Senate.

ARTICLE XVII. QUORUM

A quorum of Student Senate shall consist of those members present at a regular meeting and 2/3 of the membership in this case of a special meeting.

BYLAWS

1. These bylaws shall be amended by a majority vote of Student Senate.
2. All appropriations of NASB funds over \$150 must be sent to the represented classes for discussion before a vote is called in Student Senate.
3. A parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Student Senate. She/he shall be prepared to deliver advice on parliamentary procedure at Student Senate meetings.
4. Wild Card Representative: In cases where some students have no second period and are not represented in the Student Senate, a wild card representative will be elected from among these students.
5. Any measure passed by the Student Senate may be subject to referendum.
6. Resolution and bylaws:
 - A resolution is an official statement of opinion by Student Senate.
 - A bylaw is an official clarification or addition to procedures by Student Senate. A bylaw is passed in the same manner as a 'bill' and will not override the constitution.
7. Standard form for Bill presentation:
 - A. In order to be placed on the agenda, a bill must be presented at an agenda meeting.
 - B. When the appropriate time occurs, the sponsor of the bill shall read the bill and answer any questions about it. No debate will be allowed at that time. When all questions are clarified, a motion is needed to accept or reject the bill. Debate shall continue until the question is called. The chair shall then restate the motion and a vote will be held. The numbers of "yes" and "no" votes will be states as the vote is tallied.
8. Appointment of NASB officer assistants:
 - Any officer may appoint an assistant under the following procedure:
 - A. The person will be presented to the Student Senate for approval.
 - B. Duties will be outlined to the Student Senate by the officer involved; and
 - C. That officer will be responsible for informing the Student Senate at the time the assistant stops performing his/her job.
9. Committee:
 - A. A committee can be created from the members of the Student Senate and the NASB officers to fulfill purpose designated by Student Senate.
 - B. A committee may disband itself when its purpose has been fulfilled.
 - C. A committee may be removed by a 2/3-majority vote of the Student Senate.
10. All presidential appointments and committees must be ratified by the legislative body which they affect. This article shall not effect the term of any official already appointed.

11. Webster's Dictionary shall be consulted on all words and definitions at NHS over which questions arise, before constitutional decisions and interpretations are made.
12. Elections:

Elections will be held before third quarter ends. The term shall be four quarters long, starting in fourth quarter with the new officers observing. The new officers shall assume office the last half of the fourth quarter with the older officers remaining in the advisory capacity. The present ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders will be allowed to vote for their individual class positions in addition to the NASB positions. No seniors shall be allowed to vote. The winner of each student office must have 40% of the votes. If the winner does not, there will be a run off between the two closest candidates. If only two candidates run for a particular office, the candidate with the most votes wins.
13. Election Committee:

The NASB president, consisting of student leadership members, excluding people running for office, shall appoint an election committee. This committee shall coordinate the elections, set up specific rules and do its best to orientate the candidates.
14. Newport Budget Committee:

The committee shall consist of the activities director, the athletic director, and school accountant, in addition to the future NASB treasurer, vice president, president and the past NASB treasurer, vice president and president.
15. Contingency Fund:

A contingency fund created from surplus money can be set up each year through the budget process. Allocation from this fund can be obtained for capital expenditures or to pay off debts incurred by the student body organization. The procedure for allocating funds from this contingency fund shall be followed in accordance to the budget guidelines.

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