## Central Linn High School



ASB Constitution

# CONSTITUTION OF ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY OF CENTRAL LINN HIGH SCHOOL 

## PREAMBLE

We, the students of Central Linn High School, in order to develop the highest ideals of good citizenship, develop loyalty to our school, encourage leadership, and maintain the highest standards of conduct in our school and community, do hereby establish this constitution for the benefit of the students of Central Linn High School.

## ARTICLE I

## Name and Symbols of Central Linn High School

Section 1: This organization shall be known as the Associated Student Body of Central Linn High School.

Section 2: The school primary colors of Central Linn High School will be Royal Blue and Scarlet Red. The school's accent colors will be White, Black, and Gray.

Section 3: The school mascot shall be known as the "Cobra".

## ARTICLE II

## Objectives \& Purposes

The objective and purpose of the student council shall be to:

1. Provide a democratic form in which students can address those school-related issues that affect their lives.
2. Maintain a continuous communication channel from students to faculty members and administrators as well as among the students within the school.
3. Offer a yearlong program of social functions and community involvement projects for students.
4. Provide leadership training for students in the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship, using the school environment as the primary training ground.

## ARTICLE III

## Authority of the Council

Section 1: All powers of the student council are delegated to it by the school administration.

Section 2: All actions of the student council are subject to review and possible veto by the advisor(s) and building administrator(s).

Section 3: The principal shall appoint a member of the faculty to serve as an advisor(s) to manage the student council and to oversee it and its projects.

## ARTICLE IV Membership

Section 1: All regularly enrolled students of Central Linn High School shall be members of the student body or associated student body.

Section 2: All members of the student body who are eligible according to the administration shall be granted the right to participate in student activities and all of the student body shall be subject to the rules established by the Associated Student Body Constitution.

Section 3: All members of the student body shall possess a student body card.

## ARTICLE V

## Officers

Section 1: The Associated Student Body executive officers shall be President, Vice President, Publicist, Spirit Commissioner, Activities Director, Treasurer, and Student Representative

Section 2: The term of office shall be one year from election to election.
Section 3: No executive officer of the Associated Student Body shall hold more than one office in student government.

## ARTICLE VI

## Eligibility for an Associated Student Body Executive Office

Section 1: All Associated Student Body executive officers shall be full-time students during their term in office.

Section 2: All candidates for an Associated Student Body executive office shall maintain passing grades in five of seven classes as stated by OSAA. Those not passing must attend Friday school.

Section 3 All Associated Student Body executive officers shall be a senior, junior, or a sophomore during their term of office.

Section 4: All candidates for an Associated Student Body executive office shall be enrolled in a "Leadership" class or hold an accepted "Leadership" position in or out of school recognized by the advisor. (ex: team captain, church, FFA, club leader, job, etc.) before they will be allowed to run.

Section 5: All candidates for Associated Student Body Executive Council President shall have served at least one prior year on the Executive Student Council unless no eligible candidate can be found, in which case the rule may be waived.

Section 6: In the case of vacancy of an Associated Student Body executive office, an interim officer shall be appointed by the student executive council. In the case of vacancy of the president, the vice president shall fill that office and the office of the vice president shall be considered vacant until such time as a new officer is appointed and approved by the student executive council.

Section 7: If an Associated Student Body executive officer violates the oath he/she may be removed from office at the discretion of the student council and administration. The officer will have the option to resign before any action is taken. The final decision will be made by the administration. (See ARTICLE X, Section 3 for more details)

## ARTICLE VII

## Job Description

## A. PRESIDENT:

The president is the leader, chief delegate, and head of the entire student body. A president should be outspoken, unbiased, and above all, a president must always put the needs of the student body before a personal agenda. This person needs to be willing to put in extra effort and keep an open mind. Will work in a partnership with the Vice President to oversee all committees and ensure the goals of the ASB are being met.

## B. VICE-PRESIDENT:

The Vice President is second in command and shall fill in as president in their absence. The duties of the VP are to coordinate activities and to be head liaison to any outside contact or sources, such as: teachers, businesses, or the administration. The Vice President will also act as the Secretary during any meetings by creating an agenda and keeping meeting minutes. Will work in a partnership with the President to oversee all committees and ensure the goals of the ASB are being met.

## C. SPIRIT COMMISSIONER:

The Spirit Commissioner is an outgoing and extremely positive student. They should never be negative about our school, but rather change any negative perceptions from the student body. They need to be able to run spirit assemblies, and come up with innovative ideas to add spirit to our school. The Spirit Commissioner will also run the Spirit Squad which is a group of students specifically charged with increasing school spirit.

## D.PUBLICIST:

The Publicist is in charge of the public image of our school. They are also in charge of advertising for all events. This person needs to be very knowledgeable with technology and especially social media. This person is also responsible for acting as a liaison between leadership and the community by organizing ways for Central Linn students to serve the community and develop outreach programs.

## E. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

The Student Rep is responsible for hearing the voice of the student body and communicating it to the rest of ASB. They need to be able to communicate with their peers and listen to their constructive criticism. The primary goal of this position is to give students a voice in the activities Leadership puts on, so student outreach is a must. This person will also work closely with the student representative for each class.

## F. ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR:

The Activities Director is responsible for all activities associated with Central Linn leadership. Along with coming up with innovative ideas to better traditional activities, this person needs to always be thinking about and accepting new ideas for activities.

## G. TREASURER

The Treasurer will primarily be charged with keeping and maintaining a budget for all ASB events. The Treasurer will work closely with event committees to determine budgets for events and ensure we stay within those budgets. It will also be the duty of the Treasurer to work with the Fundraising Directors for each class by helping them with fundraising and budgeting.

## ARTICLE VIII

## Student Council

Section 1: Membership in student council shall consist of all Associated Student Body executive officers (who shall be known as the ASB) and of the Class Officers.

Section 2: Class officers will be able to fill out an application and be interviewed by a panel of teachers to be elected in the spring of the preceding year. The class offices shall be President, Vice President, Fundraising Director, and Student Representative.

## ARTICLE IX

## Student Executive Council Elections

Section 1: Students who meet the qualifications, may run for an ASB position.
Section 2: Any student nominated by the student council shall file their acceptance with the elections commissioner by the end of school in nomination week or their name will be withdrawn from the list of nominees. Petitions must also be in by this time.

Section 3: Candidates will be eligible once they and their parents have signed the student government code of ethics.

Section 4: Candidates will have two weeks to complete the application for the election

Section 5: Any candidate that meets all requirements for an ASB position will be given an interview held within two weeks of the application deadline.

Section 6: At the first meeting of the student council after elections, the outgoing president shall administer the oath of office to the newly elected officers and read over their respective duties.
"I, $\qquad$ , do hereby solemnly pledge myself faithfully to discharge the duties of my office to which I have been elected and to do everything in my power to promote the welfare of the Associated Student Body of Central Linn High School."

Section 7: New members must, and old members have the option, to attend all student council meetings for the remainder of the year.

Section 8: The voting system shall be as follows:

1. The elections shall be under the direction of the Leadership Advisors will be broken down as follows:

30\% Vision Plan (essay, timeline, can-do/not-yet circle, etc...)
20\% Interview
15\% Academic History
15\% Petition/Teacher Recommendations
15\% Community service/Leadership Experience \& Special Recognition
5\% Activities \& Organizations

Section 9: The detailed figures of the election shall remain secret.

## Section 10: Class Election Rules

A. Students who meet the qualifications may run for a class council position.
B. Candidates must have and maintain passing grades in five of seven classes. If they are not passing, they must attend Friday school.
D. The elections process will be the same as the elections process for ASB

Section 11: In case of a vacancy of class office, an election will be held, except for the president's position where the vice president will fill the position.

## ARTICLE X

## Code of Conduct

If participants are at any point not modeling good citizenship or holding themselves to a high standard (making poor choices that could harm themselves or others) including drug test failure, illegal abuse (proven), fights, bullying, major disrespect. They are subject to consequences after their first offense including 2 hours of mandatory community service and probation for one school year. The second offense will lead to impeachment or removal from the council and/or the class of leadership. Participants' elections must be a clean campaign and they must respect their opponents. Their office will be held with class, dignity, and good intentions. The advisors have the right to confront them on any of the issues above and distribute disciplinary action if they see necessary.

## ARTICLE XI

## Meetings

Section 1: The meetings of the student council shall be called at the discretion of the members, advisor(s), or administration.

Section 2: Any interested person or group may attend the open student council meetings at Central Linn High School.

Section 3: A majority of the ASB officers must be present before business can be conducted.

Section 4: The student body president may override the student council vote with a veto. The president must explain his or her reason for the veto.

Section 5: A two-thirds majority vote of the student council shall override the president's veto.

Section 6: Any student council member who has accumulated two consecutive unexcused absences from student council meetings will forfeit their right to vote during the next meetings where a vote is taken.

## ARTICLE XII

## Legislation

## Section 1: Initiative

Any student of CLHS may initiate new legislation by presenting to the student council a petition signed by $25 \%$ of the student council.

Section 2: Recall of office

A. All Associated Student Body officers shall be subject to recall upon the presentation to the student council of a petition signed by $25 \%$ of the student body. Such recall shall take place within ten days after the said petition is approved. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the student body is necessary to remove the student from office.
B. A student may also be removed from office if they receive a MIP or break any kind of state or federal law. In this case, the officer may be removed by the administration with no vote necessary by the council.
C. Any officer subject to recall shall have to opportunity to address the student body at an assembly in defense of himself/herself prior to the recall election.
D. Class officers can be recalled in the same manner with $25 \%$ of their class signing a petition. They will be allowed to defend themselves in front of their own class before a vote is taken for recall. A two-thirds majority is needed to remove a class officer from their office as well.

## ARTICLE XIII

## Chartering Clubs and Organizations

Section 1: Any group wishing to form a club or organization must talk to the administration and present their club's proposal before a club can be established. All clubs must have a faculty advisor. This advisor may be chosen at the discretion of the club or organization. A club advisor can be replaced so long as a meeting with administration, current advisor, and clubs president takes place and reasons are given as to why they are wishing to replace that advisor.

## Section 2: New Clubs and Organizations

A. Any interested group of students that wish to form a club or organization should present the student council with a petition of names of interested students.
B. Student council will listen to the petition at a student council meeting and vote on the club at the following student council meeting.

## ARTICLE XIV

## Financial

Section 1: The student body shall not contract financial obligations that cannot be paid during the current year.

Section 2: Gross proceeds of all student body activities shall be deposited in a student body account at the close of the event.

Section 3: All student body transactions shall be in the form of a purchase order signed by the head-building secretary.

Section 4: The president of each class, club, or organization shall report to the student body president and meet with the head building secretary at the first of the year for instructions.

Section 5: The student body president shall present before the student council a financial statement of the student body funds.

## ARTICLE XV

## Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution may be submitted by any Executive Board member during a regular business meeting. Consideration of the Amendment is in the following manner:

1. Proposed amendments are submitted to the Executive Board during a regular business meeting as new business.
2. A written copy of the proposal is given to each ASB Officer as well as Class President, who will review it with their team constituents and advisors.
3. Following the class meetings, a two-thirds majority vote of the student body will be required for passage and adoption of the amendment.

## ARTICLE XVI

## Sources of Power and Veto

The power of the Student Council Association is derived from the administration of Central Linn High School. The Principal shall have the right to permit or deny any action, activity, or project of the Student Council Association when such action, activity, or project is not in the best interest or reflective of the educational mission of the school environment and/or students.

## Section 2: Veto Power of the Advisor

The Student Council Advisor, acting as a designee of the principal, shall have the right to veto any action, activity, or project of the Executive Board when such action, activity, or project is not in the best interest or reflective of the educational mission of the school environment and/or students.

The Constitution of Central Linn High School is hereby ratified on this the $28^{\text {th }}$ day of February 202


Student Council President: $\qquad$

