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ARTICLE I. NAME

All traditional-age, full-time undergraduate students of the University of La Verne are constituents of the Associated Students of the University of La Verne (hereby ASULV).

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1 – Preamble. ASULV was created to provide a fully and equally representative government; embody and advocate for the interest of the students; promote and enrich student academic, cultural, social and physical welfare in an effort to enhance higher education while strengthening and supporting existing student clubs and organizations. ASULV provides an official channel for the expression of the students’ views and interests to encourage and maintain the freedom to pursue knowledge, encourage student academic rights and responsibilities and articulate our rights to a voice in campus governance. In order to fulfill these aspirations, we do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution.

Section 2 – Student Bill of Rights. We, ASULV, hold the following to be the basic rights of the students. It is the responsibility of ASULV to recognize these rights, and where necessary, protect and nurture them.

(a) The enumeration of certain rights herein shall not inhibit those rights guaranteed to the students by the Constitution of the United States of America.
(b) Students have the right to have their views and welfare considered in the formation of University policy, through consultation by or representation on University committees, which effect students as members of the University community.
(c) As members of the University community, students are free individually and collectively, to express their interests. In accordance with University policy, students are free to assemble, to demonstrate, to communicate and to protest. Approval will not be withheld by the University officers for the purpose of censorship.
(d) Students have the right to present legitimate concerns and needs to the ASULV Senate.
(e) Students may attend any ASULV sponsored activities or open ASULV Senate Meetings/Committees.
(f) Students have the right to vote in any ASULV sponsored elections.
(g) Students have the right to public information.
ARTICLE III. ORGANIZATIONAL POWER

Through open forums, referendums, surveys, student representatives and close contact with constituents, ASULV will carry out its purpose in advocating for student interests and promoting overall student welfare.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Any traditional-age, full-time undergraduate student(s) at the University of La Verne who has paid their student activity fees shall be eligible for membership on ASULV and shall be guaranteed all rights and privileges afforded thereof. See Article I, Elections Code of the ASULV Bylaws for specific requirements of ASULV Executive Officers and ASULV Senate members.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Section 1 – ASULV President. The ASULV President is the Chief Executive Officer of ASULV. He/she shall chair the ASULV Executive Board and preside over the ASULV Senate. As an elected representative of the student body, he/she shall advocate for the needs and wishes of the student body to the University Administration, University Committees, the President’s office, Board of Trustees and the general public. The ASULV President shall be held accountable to the students for proper conduct and efficient administration of all ASULV affairs. See Article II, Executive Officers, Section 1 of the ASULV Bylaws for guidelines, duties and responsibilities.

Section 2 – ASULV Executive Vice President. The ASULV Executive Vice President is the second highest-ranking ASULV student government Executive Officer. The ASULV Executive Vice President shall be responsible for the internal campus affairs of ASULV and will coordinate all efforts to improve campus awareness relating to issues in the University community. See Article II, Executive Officers, Section 2 of the ASULV Bylaws for guidelines, duties and responsibilities.

Section 3 – ASULV Vice President of Finance. The ASULV Vice President of Finance is the Chief Fiscal Officer of ASULV. As the Chair of the Finance Committee he/she is responsible for presenting an annual ASULV budget to the ASULV Senate for approval. Additionally, he/she is responsible for maintaining complete and accurate records of all ASULV accounts and transactions. He/she is responsible for creating the ASULV Funding Policy, subject to ASULV Senate approval, for clubs and organizations and disbursing those funds. See Article II, Executive Officers, Section 3 of the ASULV Bylaws for guidelines, duties and responsibilities.

Section 4 – ASULV Vice President of Communications. The ASULV Vice President of Communications maintains inter-organizational records of the ASULV Senate and is responsible for communicating those records to all Constituents. See Article II, Executive Officers, Section 4 of the ASULV Bylaws for guidelines, duties and responsibilities.
Section 5 – ASULV Vice President of Public Relations. The ASULV Vice President of Public Relations develops marketing promotional materials for the ASULV events and internal affairs and is responsible for advertising the ASULV organization to the student body. See Article II, Executive Officers, Section 5 of the ASULV Bylaws for guidelines, duties and responsibilities.

Section 6 – ASULV Senator Pro Tempore. The Senator Pro Tempore is the ASULV Senate-elected representative who will represent the ASULV Senate at the ASULV Executive Officer Meetings. See Article II, Executive Officers, Section 6 of the ASULV Bylaws for guidelines, duties and responsibilities.

ARTICLE VI. ASULV SENATE

Section 1 – ASULV Senate Membership. The ASULV Senate shall consist of two (2) elected representatives from each University-recognized traditional college—College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Public Management and College of Education, and six (6) Senators at-Large who serve as ASULV Senators to and representatives of the campus community at large. If there is no student that can fill the senate position for a college, additional senator at large positions can be filled. See Article III, ASULV Senate, Section 1 of the ASULV Bylaws for guidelines, duties and responsibilities.

ARTICLE VII. ASULV ADVISOR(S)

Section 1 – ASULV Advisor(s). The ASULV Advisor(s) are the liaison between the ASULV Senate and the faculty/administration at ULV and will act as an observer and ensure that University policies are being adhered to. See Article IV, ASULV Advisor, Section 1 and 2 of the ASULV Bylaws for appointment and responsibilities.

ARTICLE VIII. ASULV STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

Section 1 – Structure. The following is the organizational structure of the governing body of ASULV.

(a) ASULV President (ex-officio; non voting)
(b) ASULV Executive Vice President (ex-officio; tie breaking vote)
(c) ASULV Vice President of Finance (ex-officio; non voting)
(d) ASULV Vice President of Communications (ex-officio; non voting)
(e) ASULV Vice President of Public Relations (ex-officio, non voting)
(f) ASULV Senator Pro Tempore (voting)
(g) ASULV Senators at-Large (voting)
(h) ASULV Senators from each University undergraduate college. (voting)
Section 2 – Operations. The following is the organizational and day-to-day operations of the governing body of ASULV. See Article V, Structure and Operations, Sections 1-3 of the ASULV Bylaws for definitions and official operating guidelines.

(a) All ASULV Senate Meetings will be conducted in accordance with the most updated edition of “Robert’s Rules for Parliamentary Procedure.”
(b) Each ASULV Senator shall have one vote for each voting initiative at the ASULV Senate Meetings.

ARTICLE IX. LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Section 1 – Quorum. In order to ratify any financial and non-financial measures, a quorum of fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of the ASULV Senate must be present.

Section 2 – Funding Proposals. In order to receive funding from the ASULV general funds, student organizations must follow the ASULV Funding Policy as outlined in Article VI, Legislative Process, Section 1 of the ASULV Bylaws. The ASULV Senate has ultimate financial and legislative decision-making responsibility.

(a) All clubs and organizations requesting funding from ASULV must be a formally recognized club or organization by the Office of Student Life.
(b) All clubs and organizations seeking funding must submit an ASULV Funding Request Form to the ASULV Vice President of Finance by the designated date released by the Finance Committee.
   1. Any requests for funding must be submitted to ASULV with a detailed description of the event(s) and itemizing expenditures with which they are requesting funding.
   2. If allocated funding by the ASULV Finance Committee, the ASULV Senate must first approve and grant funding to clubs and organizations that fulfill all of the requirements outlined within the ASULV Funding Policy. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmation vote from the ASULV Senate is required to allocate the funding.

ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES

Section 1 – Membership. Membership to all standing committees is open to all members of ASULV. Anyone requesting membership on a standing committee must to be appointed by the ASULV Executive Vice President with a two-thirds (2/3) affirmation vote from the ASULV Senate.

Section 2 – Standing Committees. Standing Committees of ASULV are permanent committees which specialize in a specific area of student representation. The following are recognized as ASULV standing committees:
(a) Judicial Affairs Committee (JAC). Shall serve as the judicial component of ASULV and shall enforce legislative policies and penalties.

(b) Campus Activities Board (CAB). Shall plan and implement diverse and creative events/activities for the campus community and shall serve as the programming board of ASULV.

(c) Finance Committee. Shall submit an ASULV annual budget for approval of the ASULV Senate and recommend all club and organization funding each semester.

(d) Campus Center Advisory Committee. Shall serve as the student representation for space allocation, maintenance and day-to-day operations of the ULV Campus Center.

(e) Bookstore Advisory Committee. Shall serve as the student representation for policies and operations of the ULV Bookstore.

(f) ULV Food Committee. Shall serve as the student representation for policies, procedures and day-to-day operations of ULV Food Services.

ARTICLE XI. IMPEACHMENT

Section 1 – Impeachment. ASULV reserves the right and responsibility to remove an elected member(s) of the ASULV Senate, an elected executive officer(s) or an appointed executive officer(s) for failure to fulfill their duties. See Article VIII, Impeachment, Section 1-3 of the ASULV Bylaws for impeachment guidelines.

Section 2 – Appeals. Any ASULV member(s) may request an appeal on a vote of impeachment. See Article VIII, Impeachment, Section 4 of the ASULV Bylaws for appeal guidelines.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the ASULV Constitution may be offered by a member(s) of the ASULV Senate or ASULV Executive Board. Any member of the ASULV constituency may request a representative to submit an amendment proposal on his/her behalf and/or submit a petition with signatures of forty percent (40%) of all traditional-age, full-time undergraduate students at the University, wishing to make any amendments to the ASULV Constitution. All amendments to the ASULV Constitution or Bylaws must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the ASULV Senate. Refer to Article IX, Amendments of the ASULV Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII. RATIFICATION

Section 1 – Constitution. ASULV Senate members shall have the authority to review and ratify the ASULV Constitution with a two-thirds (2/3) affirmation vote.

Section 2 – Bylaws. ASULV Senate and ASULV Executive Board members shall have the authority to review and ratify the ASULV Bylaws with a two-thirds (2/3) affirmation vote.

End of Constitution.