

# Constitution

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In the belief that the students have the right, as well as the obligation, to play a clearly defined and significant role in the formation and applications of institutional policy affecting both academic and student affairs, and in the belief that a democratic student government is the best means by which this role may be played-We the students of Miami University hereby create the Miami University Associated Student Government.

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## **Article I: Purposes**

**Section 1:** To provide communication and understanding between the student body and the University.

**Section 2:** To promote and further the educational experience and opportunities of the student body by working to expand student participation and involvement.

**Section 3:** To coordinate activities, communication, and services of general benefit to students.

**Section 4:** To protect the individual rights and freedoms of students.

**Section 5:** To promote responsible student body conduct.

**Section 6:** To provide an official and representative student organization with powers to receive student complaints, investigate student problems, and participate in decisions affecting students.

## **Article II: Legislative Power**

**Section 1:** All legislative powers shall be vested in the Student Senate.

- A.** The Student Senate shall have the authority to provide for the general welfare of the student body.
- B.** Student Senate shall make all laws that shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution for the foregoing powers, and all other powers and purposes vested by the Constitution and bylaws of the Associated Student Government, or in any department or office thereof.

**Section 2:** The student body may initiate legislation and referenda by petition of 10 percent of the undergraduate student body.

## **Article III: Executive Power**

**Section 1:** Executive power shall be vested in the Student Body President and the Associated Student Government Cabinet. They shall enforce the decisions of the Student Senate and perform other duties associated with their individual offices.

**Section 2:** There shall be an Executive Council to coordinate the efforts of the Associated Student Government in nominating candidates for student positions on the Board of Trustees and determining the eligibility of Associated Student Government for funding. The Student Body President shall serve as a member and Chair of the Executive Council, which shall consist of the Student Body Vice President, the Speaker of the Student Senate, four other members of the Associated Student Government, including an Academic Senator, an On-Campus Senator, and an Off-Campus Senator, to be selected by the Student Body President and approved by the Student Senate, two Student Senators elected from and by the Senate, the President of Miami Activities and Programming, the President of the Residence Hall Association, the President of Diversity Affairs Council, the two non-voting students on the Board of Trustees, the at-large undergraduate student members of Student Affairs Council and University Senate, two at-large members to be selected by the Student Body President and approved by the Student Senate, and one representative from each of the following: the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Association, National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Hamilton student government, the Middletown student government, the Miami University Student Foundation, the Miami Student, the Honors Student Advisory Board, and the Graduate Student Association.

**Section 3:** The Associated Student Government Cabinet shall make a request for a general budget based on a recommendation from the ASG Secretary of the Treasury to the university Vice President for Student Affairs in the spring of each academic year. The budget recommendation is to include proposed allocations for the general operations of the Associated Student Government and its ancillary organizations.

## **Article IV: Amendments**

**Section 1:** Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a two-thirds majority of the Student Senate.

**Section 2:** Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by petition of 15 percent of the student body.

**Section 3:** Proposed amendments and notice of such shall be:

- A. Published officially in The Miami Student one week prior to the voting, or
- B. Printed and distributed to the entire student body in the week before campus-wide constitutional voting.

**Section 4:** Amendments to this constitution shall be enacted by a simple majority of the total votes cast in a campus-wide constitutional voting, whether with elections or as a separate referendum.

## **Land Acknowledgement**

Miami University is located within the traditional homelands of the Myaamia and Shawnee people, who along with other indigenous groups ceded these lands to the United States in the first Treaty of Greenville in 1795. The Miami people, whose name our university carries, were forcibly removed from these homelands in 1846.

In 1972, a relationship between Miami University and the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma began and evolved into a reciprocal partnership, including the creation of the Myaamia Center at Miami University in 2001. The work of the Myaamia Center serves the Miami Tribe community and is dedicated to the revitalization of Miami language and culture and to restoring that knowledge to the Myaamia people.

Miami University and the Miami Tribe are proud of this work and of the more than 140 Myaamia students who have attended Miami since 1991 through the Myaamia Heritage Award Program.