

California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo
Associated Students, Inc.

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GAY STUDENTS UNION BYLAWS

Article I. Purpose

Section A. The Gay Students Union is hereby organized for the purpose of providing a forum for the intellectual study of the phenomena of homosexuality on a campus and community level.

Article II. Identification

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the Gay Students Union and hereinafter is referred to as the G.S.U.

Section B. There shall be no off-campus affiliation.

Article III. Objectives

Section A. To promote a spirit of cooperation with educational, charitable, governmental and like organizations on the campus and in the community.

Section B. To endeavor to provide its members with legal, medical and psychological counseling and service.

Section C. To organize discussions of homosexuality, and, whenever possible, to include as participants faculty and interested professionals who are particularly qualified to assist in the intellectual growth of the members.

Section D. To sponsor and support speakers.

Section E. To encourage student, faculty, and administration communication, cooperation and intellectual development.

Article IV. Membership

Section A. There shall be no discrimination in club membership because of race, sex, religion, color, creed, or national origin.

Section B. Active membership may include any student registered at Cal Poly, including limited students, regular students, graduate students, and shall include a faculty advisor. A prospective member must attend two consecutive meetings to be considered for membership.

Section C. Active members must pledge to comply with all applicable rules, regulations, statutes, ordinances and other requirements of the A.S.I., the University, the County of San Luis Obispo and the State of California, to the extent that said rules, etc., affect recognized student organizations on this campus.

Section D. Only active members may participate in meetings and may vote and hold office and represent the organization.

Section E. In compliance with the California Education Code, members of the G.S.U. shall not conspire to commit any act that injures, degrades, disgraces, or tends to injure, degrade or disgrace any fellow student or person, or in any manner or form violates or tends to violate any applicable law.

Section F. There shall be no additional membership requirements except as stated in Article VIII Section A.

Article V. Officers

Section A. Classification

1. The officers shall rank in the order named:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer

Section B. Qualifications

1. All officers shall have a minimum Cal Poly cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the time of nomination and throughout their term of office.

Section C. Responsibilities

1. The President shall:
 - a. Preside at all regular and special meetings.
 - b. Appoint all committee members.
 - c. Have the power to authorize disbursement of all checks with the Treasurer and advisor.
 - d. Coordinate all committees and check regularly on the status of the various committees.
2. The Vice-President shall:
 - a. Assist the President, and be responsible for all the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President to serve.
3. The Secretary shall:
 - a. Keep full and accurate records of the proceedings of the organization, record the minutes in a minute book and read same at meetings.
 - b. Keep register of the members of the G.S.U.
 - c. Preserve and pass on to the succeeding President all records of the office.
 - d. Submit end-of-year report to the Activities Planning Center.

4. The Treasurer shall:
 - a. Be responsible to the club for all funds of the G.S.U. within policies and procedures of the ASI.
 - b. Receive all money of the organization and deposit the same. No money shall be withdrawn from the G.S.U. account unless authorized by the President and signed by the Treasurer and advisor.

Section D. Elections

1. Nominations
 - a. The President shall entertain nominations for all offices from the floor during a regular G.S.U. meeting. Nominations will take place one meeting prior to elections. Only active members may nominate.
 - b. Only active members of the G.S.U. with a minimum Cal Poly cumulative GPA of 2.0 are qualified to be nominated.
2. Voting
 - a. Only active members may vote.
 - b. Voting shall take place the second meeting of winter quarter for all offices.

Section E. Term of Office

1. The term of office shall be one calendar year, starting on the day of the election.

Section F. Vacancies

1. In the event that the President is unable to continue in office, is removed, or for any other reason is unable to perform the duties of his office, the Vice-President shall succeed him.
2. In the event of the vacancy of any office, the President shall appoint from the active membership a member to serve in that office until the next regular meeting at which time the membership, after receiving adequate notice, shall elect an officer to the vacant position for the unexpired term.

Section G. Impeachment

1. If any officers do not adhere to these bylaws, a petition signed by two-thirds of the active membership shall remove that officer from office.

Article VI. Meetings

Section A. Meetings shall be held at least once a month.

Section B. Parliamentary procedure shall conform to Sturgis Rules of Order.

Section C. A quorum shall consist of 40% of the active membership.

Section D. Special meetings may be called by the President or at the request of two-thirds of the active membership.

Article VII. Committees

Section A. The President shall appoint temporary committees as needed.

Section B. Any member is eligible to serve on a committee.

Article VIII. Finance

Section A. Dues may be assessed by majority vote.

Section B. Only the President and the Treasurer have the right to expend funds with approval of the advisor.

Section C. All funds shall be administered in accordance with ASI policies and procedures.

Article IX. Advisor

Section A. The advisor must be a professional member of the teaching or administrative faculty of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, selected by the active membership and approved by the advisor's respective Department Head and Dean.

Article X. Amendments

Section A. Proposals

1. Amendments may be proposed by any active member.
2. Amendments require a two-thirds vote of the active members present at the next meeting after the proposal of said amendment.

Section B. Amendments must be approved in accordance with the Associated Students, Inc. Club Recognition Code.

Article XI. Conflict

Section A. These bylaws shall be in accordance with the bylaws of the Associated Students, Inc., the policies of this University, and the laws of the County of San Luis Obispo, the State of California and the United States of America.