

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
BUTTE COLLEGE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS**

WE THE STUDENTS OF BUTTE COLLEGE RESOLVED

- to establish a system of self-governance and advocacy in the participatory governance process, and
- to promote activities which will stimulate our intellect, social life, and health, and
- to build a sense of community within our population; between students, faculty, and administration; and between the campus and the communities it serves,

AND MINDFUL OF OUR SHARED DEDICATION

- to the sustainability of both our human and ecological environments, and
- to the importance of our acknowledged diversity and multi-cultural realities, and
- to the vital nature of quality education in the future success of ourselves and our world,

HAVE UNIFIED OUR REPRESENTATION TO ACCOMPLISH THESE AIMS

Accordingly, we ordain this Constitution of the Butte College Associated Students, pursuant to the policies of the Butte-Glenn Community College District and the California Education Code, and do hereby establish a district-wide organization known as the Butte College Associated Students.

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be known as the Butte College Associated Students, herein referred to as the BCAS.

Section 2. Mascot - Roadrunner

Section 3. Colors - Black and Gold.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership of the Butte College Associated Students shall include any currently enrolled student of Butte College.

ARTICLE III. BCAS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The body, which governs, sets policies, and represents the BCAS shall be called the Executive Board.

Clause 1. A simple majority of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

Clause 2. Proxy votes are impermissible.

Section 2. Purpose of the Executive Board:

Clause 1. To ensure representation of the BCAS on all campus governance and policy-making committees.

Clause 2. To advocate for education and student rights on the campus, community, county, state, and national level.

Clause 3. To oversee the collection and distribution of the Student Activity Fee and the Student Representation Fee.

Clause 4. To promote cultural, social, and leadership opportunities for all students.

3. Powers of the Executive Board:

Clause 1. To approve appointments made by the BCAS President by a 2/3 affirmative vote.

Clause 2. To oversee all appropriations of BCAS funds, including the approval of the annual budget.

Part 1. No appropriation of \$5,000.00 or more may be acted upon at a single meeting.

Clause 3. To set standards for the membership and policies of all subsidiary organizations.

Clause 4. To adopt any resolution, on behalf of the BCAS, by a simple majority vote.

Clause 5. To create and dissolve paid staff positions as defined by the BCAS By-Laws.

Section 4. The Executive Board shall meet at least twice per month during the academic year excluding non-instruction days, on a day and time selected before the first day of instruction.

Section 5. Makeup of the Executive Board: Core Executive Board members shall be the President, Vice President, Student Trustee and Business Director.

Clause 1. Additional positions of the Executive Board shall be stated in the AS By-Laws.

Clause 2. The Executive Board shall retain the right to maintain both voting and nonvoting positions of the Executive Board as defined by the BCAS By-Laws excluding the Core Executive Board members, who shall remain permanent.

Part 1. To create voting or nonvoting positions of the Executive Board, a 2/3 majority vote is

required.

Part 2. To dissolve voting or nonvoting positions of the Executive Board, a 3/4 majority vote is required.

Section 6. Qualifications for Membership:

Clause 1. Officers shall have an overall cumulative G.P.A. of 2.0 and maintain the standard each semester while holding office.

Clause 2. Officers shall have attended Butte College a minimum of one semester prior to taking Office.

Clause 3. Officers may be a member of any subsidiary organization on campus provided the following conditions are met: they will recuse themselves from any votes pertaining to a subsidiary organization of which they are a member; must not present issues to the Executive Board on behalf of a subsidiary organization personally; and must not act as representative to the Inter-Club Council on behalf of any other subsidiary organization of which they are a member.

Clause 4. Officers must be enrolled at Butte and maintain a minimum of 5 units each semester while holding an office of the BCAS, as outlined in the California Education Code.

Section 7. The duties of the members of the Executive Board shall be defined in the By-Laws of the BCAS.

Section 8. Terms in Office:

Clause 1. All newly elected Executive Board members shall take office during the Spring semester.

Clause 2. Any Executive Board member may be re-elected to the same or different office pursuant to the policies of the Butte-Glenn Community College District and the California Education Code.

Clause 3. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the BCAS President and/or BCAS Advisor.

Section 9. Selection of Executive Board Members:

Clause 1. All Core or voting offices, excluding the Inter-Club Council Director, as defined by the BCAS By-Laws, shall be elected by the student body or appointed by the Executive Board.

Part 1. The Inter-Club Council Director shall be selected by the membership of the Inter-Club Council.

Clause 2. All non-voting offices shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

Clause 3. Vacancies of the Executive Board shall be filled by appointment by the AS President upon 2/3 ratification of the Executive Board.

Part 1. No member of the Executive Board shall hold more than one office at any given time.

Section 10. Honorariums

Clause 1. Officers of the Executive Board, excluding the President, shall receive an honorarium once per semester

Part 1. Any changes made to the amount, disbursement guidelines, or requirements for scholarships will not take effect until the following academic year.

Clause 2. Guidelines for requirements and disbursements shall be defined in the BCAS By-Laws.

Section 11. The standing taskforces of the Executive Board shall be: The Activities Taskforce; the Budget Taskforce; the Election Taskforce; the Legislative Taskforce; the Annual Report Taskforce; The Survey Taskforce; and the Evaluation Taskforce.

ARTICLE IV. SUBSIDIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Section 1. Any organization composed of Butte College students, which uses the name, funds, materials, or services of Butte College is a campus organization and is subject to regulation by the Executive Board as defined in the BCAS By-Laws.

ARTICLE V. DUE PROCESS

Section 1. Hearing Procedures:

Clause 1. In order to ensure due process, every student is entitled to a due process hearing, the processes of which shall be set forth in District Policy and the student judicial codes.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS AND RECALL

Section 1. The membership of the BCAS shall have the right to vote.

Section 2. Elections shall be held at the Chico, Glenn, and Main campus locations on two contiguous weekdays in April.

Section 3. The Election Committee shall be charged with the organization of all elections as stated in the Bylaws of the BCAS.

Clause 1. No members of the Executive Board which are running for office the following term may participate in the Election Committee, nor be privy to confidential election materials produced from that committee.

Section 4. Election of Executive Board Officers:

Clause 1. The candidate receiving a plurality of votes cast for that office shall be declared the winner.

Section 5. Grounds for the Removal of Executive Board Members:

Clause 1. Unexcused absence at three meetings of the Executive Board in any one semester.

Clause 2. Conviction of a felony while in office.

Clause 3. Failure to carry out duties and responsibilities of office as defined in the By-laws of this Constitution.

Section 6. Executive Board members may be removed through a recall election or by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the rest of the Executive Board.

Section 7. Special Elections:

Clause 1. A special election shall be called for any one of the following:

Part 1. Initiative - the power of the students to propose legislation or amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws and to adopt or reject them.

Part 2. Referendum - the power of the students to approve or reject any action taken by the Executive Board or the Inter-Club Council and may be proposed by either an initiative procedure or by a simple majority of the Executive Board.

Part 3. Recall - the power of the students to remove any Executive Board member from office through the initiative process.

Clause 2. Procedures for declaring a special election:

Part 1. All petitions shall be registered with the Student Activities Office prior to circulation.

Part 2. Completed petitions shall be submitted to the BCAS Office no later than 20 school days after the day on which they were registered, bearing the names, signatures, and student I.D. number of 5% of the BCAS at the time of the last regular election, as defined by the Full Time Equivalency of main campus students or students paying BCAS fees, whichever is greater.

Part 3. The Executive Board has the power to call a Special Election by a 2/3 vote.

Part 4. Within 15 school days of verification of the successful completion of all conditions by the BCAS, the Election Committee shall conduct a special election.

Clause 3. A simple majority of students voting in a special election shall be required to adopt any resolution.

ARTICLE VII. BY-LAWS

Section 1. A Bylaw shall be considered as a definite part of the BCAS Constitutional framework and shall carry the full weight of legal and regulatory power.

Section 2. A Bylaw may be adopted or repealed by either an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Executive Board members or by a simple majority of voting students in any BCAS election.

Clause 1. No amendment to the BCAS By-Laws may be acted upon at a single meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments may be proposed through the BCAS initiative procedure.

Section 2. This Constitution may be amended by 2/3 of the students voting in any election.

Section 3. Proposed amendment(s) shall be made public at least 10 school days prior to the election. "Making public" consists of posting all proposed amendments on school bulletin boards.

ARTICLE IX. CLOSING STATEMENT

Section 1. This Constitution supersedes all previous Constitutions and Bylaws. Any legislative action or procedure not indicated by the current BCAS Constitution and Bylaws shall be governed by parliamentary procedure, as defined by the BCAS By-Laws.

Reviewed and Approved

Amanda Belak, Chair

Revisions

Spring 2003	Christina Kawa. Secretary
Spring 2006	Jessica Albanese. Secretary
Spring 2007	Krista Wright, Legislative Analyst
Spring 2009	Evin Sanders, SSSCC Representative; Priam Roberts, Legislative Analyst; Brian Corcoran, Student Trustee
Spring 2010:	Eric Chisler, Legislative Analyst; Matthew Silva, Parliamentarian; Evin Sanders, President
Spring 2020:	Ismail Abouesh, AS President
Spring 2022:	Sarah Houston, AS President