We, the Students of Southwestern Oregon Community College, being vitally interested in our own education, and in our cultural, social and material welfare, and desiring to stimulate and improve democratic student government, to maintain academic freedom, academic responsibility, student rights, and to establish a liaison between students, administration, faculty, and residents of the Southwestern Oregon Community College District, do hereby establish this constitution.

**Article I – Names and Insignia**

**Section 1.0 – Student Body**

The name of this organization shall be the Students of Southwestern Oregon Community College (SSWOCC).

**Section 2.0 – Representative Body**

The representative body of the SSWOCC shall be the Associated Student Government of Southwestern Oregon Community College (ASGSWOCC), and shall consist of an Executive Cabinet and a Senate body.

**Section 3.0 – Colors**

The official colors of the SSWOCC shall be Navy Blue and Scarlet Red.

**Section 4.0 – Name**

The official name for SSWOCC shall be “The Lakers”.

**Section 5.0 – Seal**

**Section 5.1 – SSWOCC Seal**

The official seal of the SSWOCC shall be the “S W”.

**Section 5.2 – ASGSWOCC Seal**

The official seal of the ASGSWOCC shall be the Lighthouse and Gavel.
Article II – Mission Statement

The mission of the ASGSWOCC shall be to improve and enhance the lives of students that attend SWOCC by advocating and informing the students through:

- The education of student rights, campus policies and procedures;
- The encouragement of social expression, cultural awareness, and community outreach;
- The promotion of civic engagement;

And by representing the Student Body to the community, administration, faculty, and the staff, in order to better serve the body and sub-organizations under the governance of the ASGSWOCC.

Article III – Membership

Section 1.0 – Qualifications

Membership in the SSWOCC shall consist of all registered students, having made payment of appropriate fees, and shall be considered active members of the SSWOCC for voting and otherwise.

Section 2.0 – Non-discrimination

ASGSWOCC shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, age, sex, mental or physical disabilities, and/or any other forms of discrimination in any of its policies or practices.

Article IV – Meetings

Section 1.0 – Regular Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held every week during the fall, winter, and spring terms and shall consist of a closed executive session and a public regular session. The date, time, and location for the ASGSWOCC to meet shall be established by the ASGSWOCC President and shall remain constant throughout the term unless changed by a two thirds vote by the ASGSWOCC board.

Section 2.0 – Special Meetings

Special Meetings of the ASGSWOCC may be called by the ASGSWOCC President or by a two-thirds vote of the ASGSWOCC.

Section 3.0 – Quorum

1. Fifty Percent plus one of the ASGSWOCC shall constitute a quorum.

2. For a vote made by ASGSWOCC to be valid and official, a quorum must be present.

Section 4.0 – Rules of Order
ASGSWOCC shall vote at the first meeting of fall term at which a quorum is present as to the method of governance for the weekly meetings. A change in rules of order may be enacted by majority vote of the ASGSWOCC at any of the weekly meetings.

**Article V – Clubs and Organizations**

**Section 1.0 – Membership**

Voting members shall be any student in regular attendance at Southwestern Oregon Community College who wishes to be affiliated with campus clubs or organizations.

Ex-officio members shall be non-students, and will not be considered club members for ASGSWOCC funding purposes.

**Section 2.0 – Recognition**

Clubs and organizations that wish to be recognized by the ASGSWOCC must present a constitution that meets the standards and requirements set forth by the ASGSWOCC constitution.

A club’s or organization’s constitution shall be ratified upon approval by a two-thirds vote of ASGSWOCC voting members. If the ASGSWOCC does not ratify the constitution, the club or organization will not be formally recognized, but may continue to meet.

**Section 3.0 – Probation**

Upon two-thirds vote of the ASGSWOCC, a club or organization may be placed on probation. The club or organization will have a reasonable time (stipulated by ASGSWOCC) to correct the cause for probation or to conform to the ASGSWOCC decree. During this time the club or organization shall maintain its status.

**Section 4.0 – Suspension**

If a club or organization has not met requirements stipulated by the ASGSWOCC, it is officially suspended.

Suspension may be rescinded by the ASGSWOCC after the suspended club or organization presents to the ASGSWOCC a petition for reinstatement. The petition guarantees that all-previous ASGSWOCC citations and/or decrees have been corrected or satisfied.

**Section 5.0 – Finances**

**Section 5.1** All clubs and organizations shall maintain their accounts with the Southwestern Oregon Community College Trust and Agency Account.
Section 5.2  All financial reports and accounts are subject to college and ASGSWOCC audit at any time, and fall under Oregon State regulations

Article VI – By-laws

Section 1.0 – Requirements
This constitution shall contain by-laws. The by-laws shall meet the following requirements:

- Be in writing.
- Be attached to the master constitution.
- Be passed by three-fourths of voting ASGSWOCC members.
- Be re-established at the beginning of each academic year.

Section 2.0 – Changes
By-law changes shall not require College Administrative Staff or Board of Education action.

Section 3.0 – Interpretation
By-laws cannot change the specific intent of the ASGSWOCC constitution. The ASGSWOCC advisor shall make the interpretation of any by-laws in question.

Section 4.0 – Intention of By-laws
The intentions of by-laws are:

- To provide a guideline for ASGSWOCC, and provide clarification of the intent of this document.
- To provide flexibility for each administration of the ASGSWOCC on a yearly basis.
- To require every student government in the future to set up its own policies and provide that it may not be bound by previous ASGSWOCC by-laws.

Section 5.0 – Failure to Comply
Failure to comply with the by-laws shall be interpreted as failure to comply with this constitution.