

BYLAWS OF  
**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD**  
A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT BENEFIT CORPORATION

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Associated Students, Incorporated at California State University, Bakersfield (CSU Bakersfield) is to provide an official voice through which students' opinions and issues may be expressed regarding university and statewide affairs. Associated Students, Incorporated seeks to assist in the protection of the rights and interests of individual students and the student body as a whole. Associated Students, Incorporated provides resources and programs that encourage leadership development and broadens social, education, political, and cultural awareness for the betterment of the students.

**ARTICLE I  
BILL OF RIGHTS FOR STUDENTS**

Section 1      Student Responsibilities. All CSU Bakersfield students have the following responsibilities:

- a) To be familiar with and abide by all policies, rules, and regulations pertaining to student conduct.
- b) To work to the best of their abilities in all academic and co-curricular pursuits.
- c) To hold themselves to the highest standards of conduct and demeanor.
- d) To regularly attend class which contributes to the maintenance of an environment that is conducive to learning.

Section 2      Student Rights. All CSU Bakersfield students have the right to:

- a) Vote in all Associated Students, Inc. sponsored elections.
- b) Be free from discrimination based on race, sex, color, age, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, any disability, ancestry, or medical condition.
- c) Free speech, assembly, press, and religion.
- d) Hold office in Associated Students, Inc. pursuant to specific qualifications.
- e) Not be deprived of any liberties without due process.
- f) Petition the ASI Board of Directors for student funds.
- g) Obtain any and all public information regarding Associated Students, Inc.
- h) Attend any Associated Students, Inc. sponsored or co-sponsored activity.
- i) Participate in shared governance process of CSU Bakersfield.
- j) Retain rights not enumerated.

## **ARTICLE II GENERAL CORPORATE PROVISIONS**

- Section 1      Name of the Organization. The name of the organization is the Associated Students California State University, Bakersfield, Incorporated, and shall be referred to throughout these Bylaws as ASI.
- Section 2      Legal Standing of ASI. The ASI is a student body organization and an auxiliary organization as defined in the California Education Code. The ASI is organized and operated pursuant to the provisions of the California Education Code and regulations adopted by the Trustees of the California State University (Trustees) contained in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.
- a)      The ASI is a nonprofit public benefit corporation, which is organized and operated pursuant to the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.
- Section 3      Student Body Organization Status. ASI has been formed and operates as a student body organization pursuant to the California Education Code §89300 et seq., and is subject to the regulations of the State of California, the Trustees of the California State University and University policies.
- Section 4      Powers and Authority. The corporate powers, business, and affairs of the ASI shall be exercised, controlled, and conducted by the Board of Directors and ASI Executive Officers. The Board may delegate the management of the day-to-day activities of ASI to the management staff of ASI.
- Section 5      Duties and Responsibilities. All duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors and Executive Officers shall be delineated in these Bylaws and ASI Policies.
- Section 6      The President of CSU Bakersfield is responsible for the educational effectiveness academic excellence, and general welfare of the University. As a student body organization and an auxiliary organization at the University, ASI recognizes that it is an integral part of the University and is subject to the oversight and authority of the University President. ASI agrees to conduct its operation in accordance with guidelines and policies established by the Trustees and the University President.
- Section 7      Supremacy of ASI Bylaws. All codes and policies of the ASI shall be, in form and interpretation, consistent with these Bylaws.
- Section 8      Interpretation of ASI Bylaws. To the extent possible, these Bylaws shall be interpreted so as to be consistent with applicable law, including the California

