

STATUTES

of the AURORA STUDENT COUNCIL

VERSION 2.0

PREAMBLE

The Aurora Student Council commits to empower the student voice within the Aurora network, ensure that student representation is present at every level of the network and inspire and facilitate societal level change within the Aurora universities and our communities. The Aurora Student Council values sustainability, diversity, inclusiveness and challenges discrimination of all types. The Aurora Student Council believes that the universities and the network should take active steps to protect the environment and practice best practice in sustainability at all times.

ARTICLE 1 - ORGANIZATION

1. The name of the organization is the Aurora Student Council.
2. The Aurora Student Council consists of two student representatives from each University within the Aurora Network.
3. The Aurora Student Council represents all students from member universities within the Aurora Network.
4. The board of the Aurora Student Council consists of the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Student Council.

ARTICLE 2 - DEFINITIONS

1. In these statutes the definitions in this article have the following meaning:
 - a. ASC refers to the Aurora Student Council.
 - b. General Council refers to the Aurora General Council, which consists of Presidents and Rectors of all Universities within the Aurora network along with the President and Vice President, or nominee, of the Aurora Student Network.
 - c. Board of Aurora refers to the Board of Aurora which is the executive body of the network, responsible for its day to day management, consisting of three university presidents and the student president.
 - d. Board of the ASC refers to the board of the Aurora Student Council which consists of the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Student Council.

ARTICLE 3 - AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

1. The ASC recognizes that students are an integral part of the Aurora network and aim to be a driving force in shaping and achieving its ambitions.
2. The three main aims of the ASC are the following:
 - a. To represent students within the Aurora Network and ensure a student-based focus within the Aurora Network.
 - b. To cooperate to conceive and execute student initiatives.

- c. To exchange experiences to improve student representation within the Universities of the Aurora Network.

ARTICLE 4 - PRESIDENT

1. The President of the ASC is the leader of the organization and it's signatory.
2. The President represents the ASC within the General Council and the Board, where the President has a vote.
3. The President summons meetings within the ASC and chairs them.
4. The President is elected at the Aurora biannual each spring according to article 7. The term is one year.
5. The President is able to delegate tasks to the Vice President, Secretary and other members of the ASC.
6. Any student representative from a university within the Aurora Network is eligible to run for President.
7. The President's term ends when a successor is elected or if two-thirds of the ASC vote for the President to step down.

ARTICLE 5 - VICE PRESIDENT

1. The role of the Vice President is to assist the President.
2. The Vice President is the President's deputy.
3. The Vice President is elected at the Aurora biannual each spring according to article 7. The term is one year.
 - a. If there are no candidates for the position of Vice President the President may appoint a Vice President.
4. Any student representative from a university within the Aurora Network is eligible to run for Vice President.
5. The Vice President's term ends when a successor is elected or if two-thirds of the ASC vote for the Vice President to step down.

ARTICLE 6 - SECRETARY

1. The Secretary's role is to handle ASC's administrative and logistical affairs.
2. The Secretary is elected at the Aurora biannual each spring according to article 7. The term is one year.
 - a. If there are no candidates for the position of Secretary the President may appoint a Secretary.
3. The Secretary shall take minutes during ASC meetings.
4. Any student representative from a university within the Aurora Network is eligible to run for Secretary.
5. The Secretary's term ends when a successor is elected or if two-thirds of the ASC vote for the Secretary to step down.

ARTICLE 7 - BIENNIAL

1. Twice a year Aurora (non) academic staff, leaders, decision makers and students meet at one of the member campuses to work on ongoing projects.
 - a. During these biannuals, the ASC has meetings and workshops twice a year.
2. Elections for the President, Vice President and Secretary shall be held once every year at a student meeting at the spring biannual of the Aurora Network.

ARTICLE 8 - MEETINGS OF THE ASC

1. ASC will meet a minimum of eight times per academic year.
2. A quorum of 50% of member institutions is required for a meeting of the ASC to convene.
3. A quorum of 40% of the student representatives is required to hold a vote during a meeting of the ASC.
4. A member of the ASC is required to notify the Board in a timely manner if they are unable to attend a meeting of the ASC.
 - a. If a member misses three consecutive meetings without communicating with the ASC Board, the ASC Board may recommend that the relevant institution appoints a new representative to the ASC.
5. A two weeks notice is required to summon a meeting.
 - a. A meeting shall be summoned by the President, or if requested by 50% of student representatives.
 - b. Agenda and relevant documents for a meeting shall be distributed four working days in advance of a meeting.

ARTICLE 9 - VOTING PROCEDURES

1. All voting shall be carried out by a show of hands, apart from the ones for which a secret voting takes place.
2. Secret voting shall be carried out by a written and secret vote with ballot sheets, paper or electronic, when they are related to:
 - a. the election of a President, Vice President and Secretary,
 - b. the relief of responsibility of the President, Vice President or Secretary,
 - c. any other case for which a representative within the ASC asks for a secret voting to take place instead of a show of hands.
3. Two representatives are appointed to oversee the secret voting procedure.
 - a. A representative affected by the vote may not oversee the secret voting.
4. A decision is binding after elections.
5. For a decision to pass, 50% +1 majority of votes is needed. An exception is made when:
 - a. The ASC votes to dismiss the President, Vice President or Secretary; then a two-third majority is needed.
 - b. The ASC votes for the amendment of these statutes; then a two-third majority is needed.
 - c. Two or more candidates are running for the position of President, Vice President or Secretary; then the candidate with most casted votes is rightly elected.

6. If an ASC member can not be present during a vote the member may vote by proxy. The ASC member shall notify the President in a timely manner what member will be voting on their behalf.

ARTICLE 10 - AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to the ASC statutes can be made at a student meeting at an Aurora biannual.
2. Any amendments to these statutes may be made if supported by at least two-thirds of the votes casted by the ASC.
 - a. Amendments may be proposed during the meeting subject to the approval of the representatives present.

VERSIONS

V1.0 entered into effect on 10/11/2017 at the 3rd biannual in Norwich.

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