We, the Associated Students of the University of Arizona Near You (hereafter known as ASUA Near You), in the belief that students have the right and the obligation to play a significant role in guiding their university, do hereby establish this Constitution to ensure the following: the articulation of student opinions and interests both in the governance of the university and to the community at large; the encouragement of the greatest level of cooperation and communication between students and student organizations; the assurance that students have full access to quality higher education at the University of Arizona; the provision for programs and services of benefit to students; and the encouragement of the highest level of excellence in education at the University of Arizona Near You.

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NAME and MEMBERSHIP

The name of this organization shall be the Associated Students of the University of Arizona Near You (ASUA Near You).

Membership shall consist of all undergraduate students registered at the University of Arizona Near You Network, Arizona Online, and the Sierra Vista Campus and associated locations.

The ASUA Near You Executive Board shall consist of five (5) student appointed members and one (1) ex-officio faculty/staff member; appointed by the ASUA Near You President and approved by the board.

The advisor must be a full-time faculty or staff member of the university. The executive board members shall exercise full voting rights and privileges; the faculty/staff member will be
non-voting ex-officio.

MISSION STATEMENT

ARTICLE II
The Student Government shall be responsible for the effective functioning of student life within the framework of this constitution.

The University of Arizona Near You Student Government exists to foster and enhance communications between the student body and the university; to provide a focus for discussing and defining the role of the students in the university; to represent and advocate their concerns within the university community and statewide; to serve as a resource for student inquires and request; to advise and make recommendations on existing and proposed university policies and procedures.

STIPENDS

ARTICLE III
The Executive Board members shall receive stipends in the method and amount designated by the VP of Online, Distance, and Continuing Education (ODCE) of the previous year.

AUTHORITY

ARTICLE IV
The executive and legislative authority of the ASUA Near You shall be vested in the Student Executive Board.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ARTICLE V
Section 1. NAME: The officers of the ASUA Near You shall be known as the ASUA Near You-Student Government.

Section 2. STUDENT EXECUTIVE BOARD
A. The Student Government Executive Board shall be led by the following five officers: President, Administrative Vice President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Administrative Assistant.
B. Officers shall serve for one academic year: August 1st-July 30th.
C. Officers shall serve no more than two consecutive terms in their elected position and must reapply for second term.

Section 3. QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
A. A candidate for an executive office shall be an undergraduate student of the University of Arizona Online, Distance, or the Sierra Vista Campus, with a minimum of six (6) credit hours, during the academic year of election and during the term of office.
B. A candidate must maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average or higher during the term of
office. No student on Academic or Disciplinary probation may run for or hold Student Government Office.
C. A candidate must have a basic knowledge of the Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 4. FUNCTIONS OF THE STUDENT EXECUTIVE BOARD
A. Shall provide a foundation for communication between students, faculty staff, administration and the university community.
B. Serve as the legislative body for approval of budget expenditures for students events, socials and to support student academic endeavors.

Section 5. CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS
A. Executive Vice-President shall grant charters to new organizations or clubs.
B. Approve student organizations that maintain an active status of at least 5 members by sending a representative to ASUA Near You.
C. Approve request for funds.
D. The Executive Vice President shall serve as a liaison between the Student Executive Board and active organizations.

Section 6. MEETINGS
A. Shall be called once a month of the fall and spring semesters.
B. Special meetings can be called by the President. Notice of a special meeting must be posted 24 hours before the meeting is opened.
C. A quorum shall consist of the majority of the Executive Officers.
D. Business will not be conducted unless a quorum is present.
E. The Advisor shall be kept informed of the proceedings of all meetings and activities and shall be encouraged to attend meetings regularly.
F. An agenda for each meeting shall be available and posted online 24 hours in advance.
G. Minutes shall be taken at each general meeting, read, and approved at the following meeting.

Section 7. HIRING COMMITTEE
A. The Hiring Committee shall consist of the Administrative Vice-President, and if he/she is not available then another Executive Board member will be asked to attend, one other board member, and the ASUA Near You advisor as deemed necessary by Human Resources.
B. The Hiring Committee shall hear any and all complaints concerning conduct during elections. The Hiring Committee shall have the power to disqualify any candidate where serious irregularities have occurred.
C. The Hiring Committee shall not endorse any individual or group for any elective office.
D. The Administrative Vice-President shall know when:
   a. Applications can be picked up, where applications can be turned in, and due date for said applications.
   b. Interviews are to be scheduled no later than March 15th.
E. Applications-The following regulations shall be observed:
   a. Applications not returned and signed by the appointed date and time shall be declared invalid.
   b. Applicants shall be enrolled with a minimum of six (6) credits at the University of Arizona.
INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, RECALL AND IMPEACHMENT

ARTICLE VI
Section 1. The University of Arizona Near You student body shall have the power to initiate new rules and regulations. The Student Executive Board shall vote on the proposed legislation. A two-thirds vote of the Student Executive Board shall pass the legislation, and it will become effective immediately. If it does not pass, the text must be published and posted within 10 days and a special election held within 15 days after the filing of the petition. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the University of Arizona Near You student body must vote in a special election for the election to be valid. A majority of the legal votes cast shall be sufficient to pass such legislation. Students have the ability to change constitution if so desired.

Section 2. Any rules and regulation passed by the Student Government shall be subject for 21 days to a referendum vote of the student body. A written petition signed by 25% of the electorate shall be necessary for the referendum. The petition shall be presented to the Student Government, who shall publish the text within 10 days and call a special meeting within 15 days after the filing of the petition. Twenty-five (25%) of the student body must vote in the special election to be valid. A majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to rescind action.

Section 3. Impeachment may be brought against any officer for misuse of office, excessive absences from meetings or failure to fulfill duties of the office. Impeachment may be brought against any officer for misuse of office, excessive unexcused absences from meetings or failure to fulfill duties of the office. A vote must be approved by a majority vote of the Student Executive Board.

FUNDING AND FINANCES

ARTICLE VII
Section 1. Funding for student activities are received from various campus sources. Student Executive Board is not allowed to raise funds.

Section 2. Expenditures of student activity monies shall be voted on by the Student Executive Board and acknowledged by the Advisor.

Section 3. All requests for funding assistance from the student groups shall be formally presented to the Student Executive Board.

Section 4. All funding requests and paperwork should be submitted to the ODCE business office, filed and archived by the Administrative Assistant.

Section 5. The Treasurer should document and record all funding activity.

DUTIES OF THE ADVISOR

ARTICLE VIII
Section 1. The VP of ODCE shall approve the Advisor selected by the Student Executive Board.
Section 2. The Advisor or representative shall be informed of all meetings.
Section 3. Duties of the Advisor
   A. Supports student activities b\ attendance and participation when possible.
B. Provides assistance to student organizations.
C. Is available to give advice and answer questions.
D. Provides guidance in the development of leadership.
E. Abides all constitutional requirements.
F. Serves as an ex-officio member of Student Executive Board

**NOT FOR PROFIT STATEMENT**

**ARTICLE IX**
This is a not-for-profit organization.

**STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

**ARTICLE X**
The Associated Students of the University of Arizona Near You shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or genetic information in any of its policies, procedures, and practices. This policy will include, but is not limited to recruiting, membership, organization activities, or opportunity to hold office. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute 15-1863, religious or political student organizations may determine that ordering the organizations internal affairs, selecting the organization’s leaders and members, defining the organization’s doctrines and resolving the organization’s disputes are in furtherance of the organization’s religious or political mission and that only persons committed to that mission should conduct such activities. Pursuant to Section 106.14 of the regulations promulgated under Title IX of the US Education Act Amendment of 1972, Social Greek Letter Organizations may limit membership based on gender.

**STATEMENT OF NON-HAZING**

**ARTICLE XI**
The Associated Students of the University of Arizona Near You will not conspire to engage in hazing, participate in hazing, or commit any act that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any fellow student or person attending the institution.

**STATEMENT COMPLIANCE WITH CAMPUS REGULATIONS**

**ARTICLE XII**
The Associated Students of the University of Arizona Near You shall comply with all University and campus policies and regulations, in addition to all local, state, and federal laws. ASUA Near You is subject to the Arizona Board of Regents Code of Conduct.