CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE
We the Students of San Jose City College, in order to form a more perfect self-government, do hereby establish this Constitution for the Associated Student Government of San Jose City College and the Student Senate.

Article I

NAME
The name of this Organization shall be the “San Jose City College Associated Student Government” (SJCC ASG) and Student Senate.

MISSION
Every student is empowered to create social change.

VISION
The mission of the Associated Students at San Jose City College is to create a transformative and enriching experience that advances student life in the aspects of academics, civic engagement, intercultural development, social justice, and wellbeing through advocacy, projects, and initiatives.

VALUES
Dedication, Integrity, Service

Article II
PLACE OF BUSINESS
SJCC ASG shall conduct all official business in the Office of the Student Government located in the Student Services building of San Jose City College. Location exceptions shall occur as deemed necessary by the SJCC ASG.

Article III
AUTHORITY
The authority of this organization and its members, as identified in this Constitution, is delegated by and subject to the California Education Code and policy of the San Jose/Evergreen Community College District and Board of Trustees. Official activities of the SJCC ASG and Student Senators shall be under advisement by the authorized Advisor for San Jose City College.

Article IV
MEMBERSHIP
Active membership in the SJCC ASG shall be granted to any student registered at San Jose City College during the current semester. All SJCC ASG members shall be permitted to vote in official SJCC ASG elections and be involved in any activities related.

Article V
STUDENT GOVERNMENT
The affairs of SJCC Associated Student Body shall be conducted by a Student Senate composed of elected members and any other position required in the By-laws. Members shall be elected through a general election facilitated by the SJCC ASG members in the spring semester of each academic year.

With a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate, a new office may be established within the Student Government. The SJCC ASG President shall decide if the vacancy shall be filled by an appointment made by the Student Senate or by means of a special election. Appointed positions are to be an interim position until a regular or special election is held for all vacancies.

The Student Senate shall also consist of Student Senators to be comprised of one (1) SJCC club officer elected by each club chartered by the SJCC ASG.
Article VI

TERM OF OFFICE
Term of office for members shall be for one (1) year beginning July 1st and ending June 30th of the next calendar year. No member shall hold the same position in office for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Article VII

TERMINATION OF OFFICE
Grounds for termination from the SJCC Student Senate shall include but not be limited to actions that are found to violate the intent of this Constitution, consistent failure to attend regular meetings of the SJCC Student Senate, and actions deemed unbecoming of a member of the SJCC Student Senate.

Any member, standing committee chairperson, or committee member may resign or be removed from office by way of written resignation or impeachment according to Article XVIII of the Bylaws.

The Chief Justice shall preside over the impeachment proceedings.

Article VIII

MEETINGS
All meetings of the SJCC ASG and Student Senate, and standing committees shall be open to SJCC student body and the general public, held as prescribed in the Bylaws.

General meetings of the ASG and Student Senate shall be held once (1) weekly throughout the fall and spring semesters.

Executive Council meetings shall be held once (1) weekly in closed session throughout the fall and spring semesters.

Any Executive member or Advisor may request a special meeting within the constraints of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

AGENDA ITEMS
Any business or agenda item brought before the SJCC ASG shall be presented in the form of a Bill. In order for a Bill to pass, it must be read at regular, special, and emergency meetings three (3) times before passage as follows:

I. The Bill or Agenda Item is brought to the council for one (1) reading.

II. The Bill or Agenda Item is then sent to various committees pending the nature of the item. Committees then deliberate on the item to send back to the Senate for a third (3rd) reading.

III. The Bill or Agenda Item is then brought back for a third (3rd) Reading and then decided upon should the Senate agree to do so.

Article IX

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
The SJCC ASG and Student Senate will adhere to the current edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order” in following Parliamentary procedure. The SJCC ASG will designate a Parliamentarian.

QUORUM
Quorum shall be established by fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of both the elected and appointed members combined.

Article X

BYLAWS
Bylaws must be adopted or rescinded by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the SJCC ASG. A quorum must be present.

Article XI

AMENDMENTS
Existing bylaws may be amended but not deleted by the SJCC ASG and Student Senate. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by petition to the Student Senate by ten percent (10%) of the population of the student body or by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Student Senate. Such proposed amendments shall be read in completed form at the first meeting of the Student Senate following their proposal. A referendum shall be held
on the proposed amendment during the subsequent two (2) to four (4) senate meetings following the formal reading.

Article XII

RATIFICATION
Once ratified, this constitution shall be established and effective for all members of the student body attending San Jose City College, all organizations and student government branches. All previous constitutions are repealed upon ratification of this constitution.