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ARTICLE I: NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the Organization shall be the Associated Students of the Colorado School of Mines and shall hereafter be referred to as the Organization.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

- The Organization is formed with the purpose of:
- 1. Advancing the interests, and promoting the welfare of, the Colorado School of Mines, hereafter referred to as the School, and the students thereof.
- 2. Fostering and maintaining harmony among those connected with, or interested in the School, including students, alumni, staff, faculty, trustees, and other friends of the institution.
- 3. Creating and maintaining self-governance of and by the students of the School, based on their cooperation, high ideals, and self-control.
- 4. Supervising and controlling all student activities and publications, subject to the limitations noted within.
- 5. Having custody of all fees collected for student activities and publications and not retained in the custody of the Board of Trustees or by others under its authority, and to supervise and control the expenditure of such funds.
- 6. Entering into and performing contracts of any kind and description.
- 7. Acquiring, leasing, owning, holding, developing, improving, aiding in, and subscribing towards the acquisition, ownership, development, or improvement of any and all real and personal property necessary or convenient for accomplishing the purposes of the Organization and selling, mortgaging, pledging, leasing, or otherwise disposing of or encumbering any and all real or personal property of the Organization.
- 8. Having and exercising all of the powers granted by law, within the limitations and restrictions noted within, fully to accomplish the objectives and purposes named within.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

A. Members

Those persons who register as <u>undergraduate</u> students of the School shall be considered members upon payment of the student activity fee(s) prescribed by the Organization, and upon the observance of such rules and regulations stated in the Student Code of Conduct and the Student Honor Code.

B. Privileges Entitled by Membership

- 1. Participation in the activities of the Organization.
- 2. Privilege of attending all designated athletic contests and school functions.
- 3. Privilege of voting in student elections.
- 4. Any other privileges as may be granted by the Student Council.

ARTICLE IV: STUDENT COUNCIL

A. Powers

Subject to the limitations of state and federal laws, these bylaws, and school regulations, the Student Council shall have all of the powers, and may exercise all of the functions, of the Organization, including without restriction thereto, the following:

- 1. To take all actions necessary in achieving the purpose of this Organization stated in Article II.
- 2. To appoint the Student Body Treasurer, Student Body Parliamentarian, and Student Body Secretary.
- 3. To elect officers of the Organization if no candidates run for a certain position in the General Election per Article IV, Section E.
- 4. To create standing and special committees, to fix their powers and duties, to elect members of the Organization to positions in these committees so specified, and to fill vacancies in any office, board, or committee position so specified.

- 5. To notify the President of the School of all faculty-student committees it creates, of the membership thereof, and of all changes in such membership. The President of the School shall have the right, at the President's discretion, to name one or more members of the faculty to serve as nonvoting members on each such committee.
- 6. To prescribe the duties of the offices, to transfer the duties of one officer to any other officer(s), and to require from any officer the faithful performance of the particular duties.
- 7. By affirmative vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the entire voting membership of the Senate taken at a regular meeting, to remove any elected or appointed officer of the Organization per Article XIV.
- 8. To prescribe reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct and government of the students and of all student activities and functions, including organization and class elections, and to supervise and control all such activities, functions, and elections.
- 9. To exercise any of its supervisory functions through committees created by it, or through the appointment of representatives on committees created by others, whose representatives may or may not be members of the Council.
- 10. In general, to do any and all things that it considers necessary or advisable in the interests of the Organization and the members thereof.
- 11. To determine compensation paid to Executive Committee Members on an annual basis.

B. Council Structure

The Student Council, hereafter referred to as the Council, shall be composed of two bodies, the ASCSM Senate, and the Executive Committee. No one person may hold more than one vote in the Student Council.

- 1. The ASCSM Senate
 - a. The ASCSM Senate, hereafter referred to as the Senate, shall act as the legislative body of the Organization.
- 12. The Executive Committee
 - a. The Executive Committee shall act as an overseeing body, attending and presiding over Senate meetings. Members of the Executive Committee shall be non-voting ex-officio members of the Senate.
 - i. A member of the Executive Committee may proxy for, but may not vote for, a member of the Senate subject to class restrictions.

C. Term of Office

The members of the Council shall serve one academic semester or year as determined by their respective organizations. Each member shall take office at the first Senate meeting of their term.

D. Suspension of Representation

- 1. Absence from a Senate meeting
 - a. If two (2) or more unexcused absences are accumulated by a Senator in one semester, their vote will be lost for the respective number of unexcused meetings. After attending, as a non-voting representative, a number of meetings of the Senate equal to the number of unexcused absences, or as deemed fit by the Senate, the Senator may petition Senate to have their vote reinstated. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote is required for reinstatement.
 - i. A motion may be made to the President for immediate reinstatement of the vote.
 - b. Unexcused status includes Senators who fail to proxy their vote or whose excuse is denied by the Executive Committee.
 - c. If a Senator has five (5) or more unexcused absences, their vote will be suspended for the following semester.
- 2. Absence from a committee meeting
 - a. If a Senator misses a meeting of one of their respective committees, that particular Senator will lose their vote for one Senate meeting.

E. Vacancies

- 1. A vacancy is defined as the loss of a representative, in either elected or appointed positions, during that representative's term of office.
 - a. If a vacancy occurs in the Presidency, the Vice-President shall become the President.

- b. If a vacancy occurs in the offices of Student Body Vice-President, Student Body Secretary, Student Body Treasurer, or Student Body Parliamentarian, the remaining members of the Executive Committee, after no less than two weeks notice of its intention to do so, shall nominate a replacement to fill the vacancy. The simple majority vote of the Senate will be necessary for confirmation.
 - i. The appointee must be eligible for the Office as set forth in Article V, Section C.
- c. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Board of Trustees representative, the election procedure shall be followed as set forth in Article IX, Section A, within one month of vacancy.
- d. If a vacancy occurs in the office if the GSA Presidency, the new GSA President will be selected by the Graduate Student Association in accordance with their bylaws.
- de. In the event of a vacancy in any Class Office, the vacancy will be announced at the next meeting of the Senate. The President will accept nominations from the floor, and turn the nomination(s) over to the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be formed consisting of the remaining class officers and two members of the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee will announce the opening for the vacant office and interview candidates for the position. The Nominating Committee will recommend to the Senate a candidate to fill the vacant office. A simple majority vote of the Senate will be necessary for confirmation.
 - i. The appointee must be eligible for the Office as set forth in Article VI, Section C.

F. Business

- 1. Meetings
 - a. The President shall, within two weeks after the holding of the first classes in the fall semester, call the first meeting of the Senate. At said meeting, the Senate shall determine a regular time and place for holding meetings, at least once each per month, during the balance of the school year.
 - b. The last meeting of the spring semester shall be a joint session of the outgoing and incoming Councils. The session will consist of one meeting of the outgoing Council and one meeting of the incoming Council. The meeting of the outgoing Council shall precede the meeting of the incoming Council. Any business should be conducted in the meeting of the outgoing Council as that body will remain in authority until the end of the academic year. All incoming Officers' positions start at the beginning of the academic year, unless the previous Officer graduated, in which case the incoming Officer takes office upon their predecessor's graduation.
- 2. Roll-Call Votes
 - a. A roll-call vote is a vote in which the Senate's roll is called and each member present may go on the record as being for or against the approval of a specific action. Senators may also abstain from specifying their stance.
 - b. A motion for a roll-call vote must be approved by no less than one-fifth (1/5) of the members present in order to be enacted.
- 3. The Student Body Secretary shall keep three (3) full and complete records of all its proceedings and actions, and such records shall at all reasonable times be open for the inspection by anyone.

ARTICLE V: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Membership

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following seven (7) individuals:

- 1. The President
- 2. The Vice President
- 3. The Secretary
- 4. The Treasurer
- 5. The Parliamentarian
- 6. The Student Representative to the Board of Trustees
- 7. <u>A Representative of the Board of Student Organizations (BSO), as selected by BSO</u>The President of the Graduate Student Association

B. Responsibilities

1. The foremost responsibility is to act in the best interests of the Organization.

- 2. Represent the Council, and in turn, the members of the Organization, to the Administration of the Colorado School of Mines.
- 3. Set the agenda for Senate meetings.
- 4. The Executive Committee may, by a three-quarters (3/4) affirmative vote, overturn any decision made by the Senate.
- 5. The Executive Committee shall have the power to approve or disapprove any application for the status of Affiliated Group upon the application's approval by the Student Activities Office.
- 6. The Executive Committee shall report all business it conducts at regular meetings of the Senate.

C. Qualifications

All members of the Executive Council shall be members of the Organization, full time students of the Colorado School of Mines, not on probation, and must have completed three (3) full semesters at the School prior to their election, except in the case of the GSA President who must have completed two (2) full semesters at the school. All officers shall by virtue of their election to office become members of the Council.

ARTICLE VI: THE ASCSM SENATE

A. Membership

_The Senate will consist of the following twenty-six (26) thirty-one (31) individuals having twenty-one (21) twenty- +-Formatted: Indent: Left: 0.25", Hanging: seven (27) votes: 0.25' al. A President, Treasurer (non-voting), and three (3) Class Senators from the Senior class. b2. A President, Treasurer (non-voting), and three (3) Class Senators from the Junior class. c3. A President, Treasurer (non-voting), and three (3) Class Senators from the Sophomore class. d4. A President, Treasurer (non-voting), and three (3) Class Senators from the Freshman class. a. The Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman classes shall hold four (4) votes each on the Senate. e5. One (1) Four (4) Senators elected by, and from within, the Board of Student Organizations. Formatted: Indent: Left: 0.5" <u>f</u>7. <u>Four (4)</u> Three (3) At-Large Senators. Formatted: Indent: Left: 0.5" a. The Board of Student Organizations Senators, Graduate Student Senators, and At -Large Senators shall hold one (1) vote per seat. One (1) Non-Voting At-Large Senator elected by, and from within, the Graduate Student Association. b2. No Senator may hold more than one vote on the Senate. Formatted: Indent: Left: 0.25" B. Responsibilities 1. The foremost responsibility is to act in the best interests of the Organization. 2. Represent the Organization to the community, faculty, and alumni. 3. Vote on all issues pertaining to community, faculty affairs, alumni, and student affairs. 4. The Senate may, by a three-quarters (3/4) affirmative vote, overturn any decision made by the Executive Committee. C. Qualifications All members of the Senate shall be Members of the Organization, full time students at the Colorado School of Mines, and not on probation. **ARTICLE VII: OFFICER DUTIES**

A. Executive Committee Officer Duties

- 1. President
 - a. Shall perform the duties customarily pertaining to the office.
 - b. Shall preside over all meetings of the Organization.
 - c. Shall, subject to approval of the Senate, appoint the members of all the committees created by the Senate, and all other Senate representatives on committees created by others.

- i. Appointments include but not limited to:
 - a) One (1) additional undergraduate representative to the Technology Fee Committee.
 - b) One (1) undergraduate representative to the School's Calendar Committee.
 - c) One (1) representative to the Faculty Awards Selection Committee.
- d. Shall meet with the President of the School and the Mayor of Golden each at least once per semester.
- e. Shall perform such other duties as the Senate shall assign.
- 2. Vice President
 - a. Shall perform the duties customarily pertaining to the office.
 - b. Shall preside over all meetings of the Organization or of the Senate in the absence of the President.
 - c. Shall perform those duties assigned by the President.
 - d. Shall act as the head of the selection committee for the Student Judicial Panel as per Student Judicial Panel bylaws.
 - e. Shall serve on the Board of Student Publications.
- 3. Secretary
 - a. Shall perform the duties customarily pertaining to the office.
 - b. Shall act as secretary of all meetings of the Organization and the Senate and record the minutes thereof.
 - c. Shall incorporate the reports of all the committees and boards in the minutes.
 - d. Shall, subject to supervision of the President, conduct all official correspondence of the Organization and the Senate.
 - e. Shall keep a roll of members of the Senate and notify all members of the time and place of council meetings.
 - f. Shall act as chairperson of the Publicity Committee.
 - g. Shall perform such other duties as the Senate may assign.
- 4. Treasurer
 - a. Shall perform duties customarily pertaining to the office.
 - b. Shall receive and receipt all moneys that are due to the Organization.
 - c. Shall disburse these moneys in payment of approved debts incurred by recognized organizations of the Organization, whose budgets have been submitted and approved for the current fiscal year.
 - d. Shall prepare a budget each year with the assistance of the Budget Committee and affiliated groups requesting funds. This budget shall be approved at a regular meeting prior to the end of the spring semester.
 - e. Shall prepare a report on the financial condition of the Organization, at the request of anyone. The summary shall be presented to the requester and Council in a timely fashion.
 - f. Shall prepare a written final treasurer's report containing the status of all moneys of the Organization, which shall be given to the Executive Council and Budget Committee before the last meeting of the semester.
 - g. Shall serve as an ad-hoc, ex-officio member of the Board of Student Publications.
 - h. Shall enforce the provisions of Article XII, Section D.
- 5. Parliamentarian
 - a. Shall perform the duties customarily pertaining to the office.
 - b. Shall enforce meeting rules and have overriding jurisdiction in matters concerning the procedure of meetings.
 - c. Shall chair all bylaws committees created by these bylaws or the Council.
 - d. Shall review all bills and resolutions for proper grammar and structure prior to their presentation before the Senate.
 - e. Shall review Bylaws annually.
- 6. Student Representative to the Board of Trustees
 - a. Shall perform the duties customarily pertaining to the office.
 - b. Shall represent the Organization on the Board of Trustees.

- c. Shall perform the duties set forth in the Colorado Revised Statutes, Title 23, Article 41.
- d. Shall serve as a voting member on the Technology Fee Committee.
- 7. Board of Student Organizations Representative Graduate Student Association President
 - a. Shall perform the duties customarily pertaining to the office.
 - b. Shall represent the Board of Student Organizations Graduate Student Association.

B. Undergraduate Class Officer Duties

- 1. Shall be responsible for the duties customarily pertaining to their offices.
- 2. Shall sponsor a minimum of one activity per semester for their respective classes and/or the Organization.
- 3. Shall have additional responsibilities as follows:
 - a. Presidents shall serve on the Student Affairs Committee, and the Affiliated Groups Bylaws Committee.
 - b. Treasurers shall be members of the ASCSM Budget Committee.
 - c. The twelve Class Senators shall be members of the Publicity Committee.

C. Board of Student Organizations Senators

1. Shall perform duties as assigned by the Board of Student Organizations.

D. Graduate Student Senators

1. Shall perform duties as assigned by the Graduate Student Council.

<u>D</u>∈. At-Large Senators

- 1. At-Large Senator to the Faculty
 - a. Shall perform the duties customarily pertaining to the office.
 - b. Shall hold at least one office hour per week.
 - c. Shall report on pertinent information to the Council.
 - d. Shall be in charge of organizing class officers to attend various committees and meetings within the Faculty Senate.
 - e. Shall serve as a de-facto non-voting member of Faculty Senate and Undergraduate Council.
 - f. Shall meet with the Faculty Senate President and the Associate Provost each at least once per semester.
- 2. At-Large Senator to the Institution
 - a. Shall perform the duties customarily pertaining to the office.
 - b. Shall serve as a voting member on the Technology Fee Committee, and Board of Publications.
 - c. Shall hold at least one office hour per week.
 - d. Shall report on pertinent information to the Council.
 - e. Shall be in charge of organizing class officers to go to various committees and meetings within the School.
 - f. Shall meet with the Provost and the Vice President for Student Life each at least once per semester.
- 3. At-Large Senator to the Community
 - a. Shall perform the duties customarily pertaining to the office.
 - b. Shall hold at least one office hour per week.
 - c. Shall report on recent events at the Golden City Council, and other community organizations, as well as other pertinent information to the Council.
 - d. Shall be in charge of organizing class officers to go to various committees and meetings within the community.
 - e. Shall serve as chair of the Into the Streets planning committee.
 - f. Shall meet with the school's Ward, District representative, or the Mayor of Golden and the Golden Chamber of Commerce President each at least once per semester.
 - g. Shall attend Golden City Council meetings at least once per month.
- 4. At-Large Senator to the Graduate Student Association

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- a. Shall perform the duties customarily pertaining to the office.
- b. Shall hold at least one office hour per week.
- c. Shall serve as a non-voting member on the Graduate Student Association (GSA) Council.
- d. Shall report all pertinent information to the Council.
- e. Shall act as a line of communication between the Council and the GSA Council.
- 5. At-Large Senator from the Graduate Student Association
 - a. Shall perform the duties as assigned by the Graduate Student Association Council.

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ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

A. Calling of Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Executive Committee or Senate may be called by the President, or in the President's absence, by the Vice-President, or by any three (3) members of the Executive Committee or Senate (as appropriate), by giving twenty-four (24) hours written/electronic notice or oral notice stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting to all voting members of the Executive Committee or Senate (as appropriate). Business shall be transacted at the special meeting only if the provision for quorum is met.

B. Quorum

Two-thirds (2/3) of the current voting members of the Senate shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting. Quorum may not drop below <u>two-thirds (2/3) 15</u> of the voting members of the council. The President may be counted for quorum, but may vote only under the provision for the President as a voting member.

<u>C. Meeting Rules</u>

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern all deliberations of all component parts of the Council during meetings. Any modifications to the rules shall require the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate, and can be agreed upon outside of meetings.

ARTICLE IX: ELECTIONS

A. Positions Elected by the Organization

- 1. Elected Positions
 - a. Officers elected by the entire student body are the Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Student Representative to the Board of Trustees, and the <u>four voting three</u>-At-Large Senators.
 - b. Officers elected by individual class are the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Class Officers.
 - i. Class Officers shall be a President, Treasurer, and three (3) Class Senators.
- 2. Election Committee
 - a. The Election Committee shall be nominated by the Executive Committee, appointed by the Senate, and shall consist of at least three (3) members of Student Council with the Director of Student Activities as an ex-officio member. No candidates for office in any election supervised by this committee shall be a member of the committee.
 - b. The Election Committee shall recommend to the Senate for approval all rules and regulations concerning the election. Upon approval, the Election Committee shall enforce these rules and regulations for the duration of the Election.
- 3. Ballot Access
 - a. Nominations for any ASCSM election shall open not more than four (4), nor less than three (3) weeks before the date set for that election, and shall close before the date set by the Election Committee. The Election Committee shall call for nominations to compete for all positions to be determined by that election.
 - b. Nominations shall be submitted to the Election Committee by petition to the Dean of Students certifying the eligibility of the candidate and carrying signatures of fifty (50) members of the Organization plus the approval signature of the candidate. Candidate must submit the petition during the stipulated time period. Failure to enter such petition before the date of closing of nominations will prohibit candidate's name from appearing on the ballot.
 - c. The Dean of Students shall determine the class standing of each candidate, where appropriate.
 - d. To be eligible for the position of student representative to the Board of Trustees, the student must be a full time Junior or Senior (as defined by the Joint Budget Committee of the Colorado General Assembly) and a Colorado resident no less than three years prior to the election. The term of office shall be one year, beginning July 1 (or

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upon graduation of the previous representative) ending June 30 of the next year (or upon date of graduation of the representative) (CRS 23-41-102).

- e. Maximum expenses incurred in behalf of or by any candidate in pursuance of candidacy for office in the Organization shall be set by the Election Committee prior to the opening of nominations. At any time during the campaign or after the election, the candidate or officer elect, on request of any member of the Organization must submit to the Election Committee, subject to review by the Senate, a complete itemized list of the aforementioned expenses of the candidate or officer elect. If the total expenditure exceeds the maximum set by the Election Committee, the candidate shall be disqualified or the officer elect shall be removed from office at the discretion of Senate.
- f. In addition to the requirements in this section, write-in candidates will be considered valid should they receive a minimum of fifty (50) votes.
- 4. Voting Procedures
 - a. All elections shall be done through online voting or by paper ballots.
 - i. Paper Ballots: All marked ballots for the election shall be placed in a locked ballot box, the key being held by the Director of Student Activities. After the polls close, the ballot box shall be placed in the Office of the Director of Student Activities. The Election Committee and the Director of Student Activities will set a time for the counting of the ballots and so inform all candidates. Candidates may send observers to be present at the counting of the ballots if they so desire, but may not be present themselves. The ballots will be counted under the supervision of the Director of Student Activities, by the Election Committee, and such observers as may be present.
 - ii. Online Voting: The votes shall be tallied by the Information Services online voting system and be reported to only the chairperson of the Election Committee and the Director of Student Activities upon the closing of the polls.
 - b. Voting shall be by secret ballot.
 - c. During the period fixed by the Election Committee, each member of the Organization shall be entitled to cast a ballot for one nominee for each position. The nominee who receives the greater number of votes, while at the same time adhering to rules specified both the Election Committee, shall be considered elected to that position.
 - d. In the event of a tie for any position, a runoff election shall be held within two weeks of the general election. Only the nominees that were tied shall be placed on the runoff ballot, and each member of the Organization shall be entitled to cast a ballot for one nominee for each position. The runoff nominee with the greatest number of votes shall be considered elected to the position. The Election Committee shall set further regulations for the runoff election.
 - e. In the event that any positions are not filled through the elections process, appointment to the positions will be recommended by the Election Committee, for approval by majority vote during any meeting of the Senate. Appointments must be made and approved prior to the officer transition meeting at year's end.
 - f. There will be no campaigning allowed in the vicinity of the voting places. The regulations and boundaries shall be set by the Election Committee.
 - g. Any additional procedures may be set by the Election Committee.
- 5. General Election
 - a. The General Election must be completed at least one week-prior to the Friday of E-Days.
 - b. All positions except the Freshman Class Officers shall be elected in the General Election.
- 6. Freshman Class Election
 - a. Elections for Freshman class officers shall be completed prior to the first day of October.
 - b. All procedures as set forth in Article IX, Section A, Clauses 1 through 4, shall apply with the exception that only members of the Freshman class shall be allowed to provide signatures of nomination or be allowed to vote.
- 7. Announcement of Results
 - a. Results of the General Election shall be announced during the E-Days Proclamation Ceremony.
 - b. Results of the Freshman Class Election shall be announced no later than one week after the election is completed.

B. Positions Elected by Recommendation

1. Positions Elected by Recommendation

- a. Positions elected by recommendation are the Student Body Treasurer, Student Body Parliamentarian, and Student Body Secretary, and shall only be elected by the Council in which they will serve.
- b. Procedure for Nomination
 - i. Notice of said elections shall be given prior to the nomination deadline and shall be publicized.
 - ii. Nominations shall take place at the Senate meeting prior to the election. A second of each nomination is required to become a candidate for the position.
 - iii. Each candidate can be nominated for one or more positions being elected, but can only be elected to one of the positions.
- 2. Recommendation Procedures
 - a. The Budget Committee shall review the nominees for the position of Student Body Treasurer, and shall recommend a person for that position.
 - b. The Executive Committee shall review the nominees for the position of Student Body Secretary and Student Body Parliamentarian, and shall recommend a person for each of those positions.
 - c. Any person running for a position shall not be involved in making the recommendation for that position.
- 3. Election of Recommendations
 - a. The Executive Committee shall present the recommendations to the Senate.
 - b. Additional nominations shall be solicited from the floor.
 - c. Before voting for a particular position, each candidate running for that position shall be given the chance to address the Senate and answer questions. The candidates shall then be temporarily dismissed from the meeting. The reasons for recommendation from the respective sources shall be given and the qualifications of each candidate shall then be discussed. At the conclusion of discussion, the voting for that position will commence.
 - d. Voting shall be by secret ballot, or by acclimation as deemed necessary by the President.
 - e. The simple majority vote of the Senate will be necessary for election.
 - i. In the event of a tie or the lack of a majority, a runoff election following the same procedure shall take place only between the candidates that are tied or the two receiving the most votes. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be considered elected to that position.
 - f. Positions shall be elected prior to the conclusion of the Spring Semester.

C. Referenda

- 1. The referral of any question to the student body for a vote shall be approved by the Senate.
- 2. No referendum shall be proposed outside of the General Election.
 - a. Voting on referenda shall be bound by the procedures set forth in Article IX, Section A, Clauses 2, 4, and 5.

ARTICLE X: STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A. Student Publications

There shall be <u>three (3) four (4)</u> student publications, *The Oredigger*, <u>High Grade</u>, and Mines Internet Radio, in such years that staff and funding are available. *The Oredigger* staff shall publish a regularly periodic newspaper. The <u>High</u> <u>Grade</u> staff shall publish at least one literary magazine per year containing original entries from students, staff, and faculty of the School. <u>The Mines Internet Radio staff shall provide 12 hours of continuous broadcasting per day during the academic year</u>.

B. Policies of Student Publications

- 1. No material which is libelous, slanderous, or obscene shall be printed. The editors of the student publications shall be held directly responsible for all material <u>published printed</u> in the student publications.
- 2. The student newspaper, The Oredigger, shall strive to print news in a complete and unbiased manner.

 Submissions chosen for student publications will be determined with fairness and impartiality by the publication staff. Student publications shall protect the privacy of all submitters who request any form of anonymity, provided the submitter identifies him/herself to the editor(s) and/or station manager(s).

C. Powers and Responsibilities of the Senate

- 1. To enforce the policies of the student publications.
- 2. To elect each year, only after recommendation from the Board of Student Publications (per Article XI, Section A), the Editors-in-Chief and Station Manager of the student publications, to serve for the following academic year. The Editors-in-Chief and Station Manager shall be reviewed by the Board of Publications and the Senate before assuming their positions. Should the Senate reject a Board recommendation, the Board shall again make a recommendation until the Senate and the Board are in accord. The terms and salaries of the staff members shall be set by the Board of Student Publications and approved by Senate.
- 3. To, upon recommendation of the Board of Student Publications, appoint an editor if a vacancy occurs in the position. See Election by Recommendation process (Article IX, Section B) for additional information.
- 4. To remove any member or members of the staff of any student publication upon recommendation of the Board of Student Publications, or with due cause.

D. Freedom of Speech

The Organization shall have no power to pass any law or charter provision restricting freedom of expression in any student publication except expressions in violation of Section B, Clause 1 of this Article.

ARTICLE XI: STANDING BOARDS, COUNCILS, AND COMMITTEES

There shall be standing boards, councils, and committees to be constituted as, and to have the functions and methods of operation as herein provided.

A. Board of Student Publications

- 1. Membership: The Board of Student Publications consists of:
 - a. The Student Body Vice-President.
 - b. One (1) At-Large Executive Officer The Student Senator to the Institution.
 - c. The Editor-in -Chief of The Oredigger as an ex-officio member.
 - d. The Editor-in -Chief of the High Grade as an ex-officio member.
 - e. The <u>President of CSMBC Station Manager of Mines Internet Radio</u> as an ex-officio member.
 - f. Five (5) Four (4) academic faculty members (at least one representing the Administrative Faculty Council and at least one representing the Faculty Senate).
 - g. One (1) administrative faculty member.
 - gh. The Director of Public Affairs Integrated Marketing and Communications as a non-voting, ex-officio member.
 - <u>h</u>i. The advisor of *The Oredigger* as a non-voting, ex-officio member.
 - ij. he advisor of the High Grade as a non-voting, ex-officio member.
 - jk. The advisor of <u>CSMBC Mines Internet Radio</u> as a non-voting, ex-officio member.
 - 1. The Student Body Treasurer as a non-voting, ex-officio member.
- 2. Functions: The Board of Student Publications shall act in an advisory capacity to the editorial staffs of *The Oredigger*, <u>High Grade</u>, and Mines Internet Radio and to the Senate in matters pertaining to student publications. The Board shall recommend to the Senate a student for appointment to the editorship of *The Oredigger*, <u>High Grade</u>, and Station Manager of Mines Internet Radio. The Board shall make nominations for these staff positions after hearing recommendations from the current editors, and notify the Senate of their nominations.
- 3. Method of Operation: The Board shall meet at least once every month during the fall and spring semesters. In addition to regular meetings, special meetings may be called by the chairperson of the Board, or by the ASCSM Senator on the Board, or the editor of a publication. Business may take place at any meeting, with at least seven (7) members present for quorum. However, each member shall be given the chance to vote or abstain on every issue that comes before the Board, either in person, or by ballot.

- 4. The Board of Publications shall be responsible for all investigations related to student publications. An investigation can be initiated at the written request of five (5) Council voting members, or a petition signed by twenty-five (25) members of the Organization, or by one (1) Board of Publications member. The Board of Publications' operating rules will outline the investigation procedure once initiated by one of the aforementioned processes.
- 5. See Board of Trustees Policy 12.2 (Faculty Handbook).

B. Mines Activities Council (MAC)

- 1. Composition: The Mines Activities Council shall consist of the President, Homecoming Committee Chair, and E-Days Committee Chair, as well as the Chair of any other programming committee named in its Operating Rules.
- 2. Purpose: The Mines Activities Council exists to:
 - a. Promote the welfare of the Organization by providing social, recreational, cultural, and educational opportunities and events.
 - b. To strengthen friendly relations between the student body, faculty, alumni and friends of common interest.
 - c. To oversee the operation and management of the School's major social events, including Homecoming and E-Days.
 - d. To provide advice and assistance to any student organization or committee needing help in planning or executing a social event.
- 3. Operation: The Mines Activities Council shall be bound by its Operating Rules.

C. ASCSM Budget Committee

- 1. Composition: The ASCSM Budget Committee shall be composed of thirteen (13) members, consisting of four (4) students at-large, the four (4) class treasurers, the Sports Club Council treasurer, the Mines Activities Council President, the Graduate Student Association treasurer, a representative from the Board of Publications, and the ASCSM Treasurer, acting as the chairperson.
- 2. Purpose: The Budget Committee shall review budget proposals and requests for additional funding of Affiliated Groups of the Organization as defined by Article XII, Section A, and shall hold budget hearings and prepare the Organization's fiscal year budget for recommendation to the Senate.
- 3. Operation: The Budget Committee shall be bound by its Operating Rules, as approved by the Senate.
- 4. Charges: The Budget Committee shall be charged with meeting with the Board of Student Organizations at least once a year to determine financial restrictions on Affiliated Groups based on their performance.

D. Board of Student Organizations

- 1. Composition: The Board of Student Organizations shall be composed of representatives as required by its Operating Rules.
- 2. Purpose: The Board of Student Organizations exists to foster a forum of discussion between the Affiliated Groups of the Organization. The Board will also exist as a mentoring body for Affiliated Groups during their probationary period. The voice of the Board will be represented by its elected representatives to the Senate.
- 3. Operation: The Board of Student Organizations shall be bound by its Operating Rules, and shall have the power to select its own composition and agenda.
- Powers: The Board shall have to power to Recognize and De-recognize Affiliated Groups on behalf of the Council, and determine the benefits and impose restrictions on Affiliated Groups based on their performance.
- 5. Charges: The Board shall be charged with meeting with the Budget Committee at least once a year to determine financial restrictions on Affiliated Groups based on their performance.

E. Student Affairs Committee

- Composition: The Student Affairs Committee shall be composed of the Dean of Students, Student Body President, presidents of the four <u>Celass Presidentses</u>, president of the Graduate Student Association and four faculty members at-large.
- 2. Purpose: Student Affairs Committee shall review all matters pertaining to student affairs and propose recommendations concerning these affairs to the President of the School.

F. Publicity Committee

- 1. Composition: The Publicity Committee shall be composed of the twelve (12) undergraduate Class Senators with the Secretary acting as the chairperson.
- 2. Purpose: Publicity Committee shall be responsible for publicizing Organization-sponsored events and shall advise affiliated groups of the Organization in publicity matters. This committee shall also be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Student Activities Marquee with the assistance of the Office of Student Activities.

G. Affiliated Groups Bylaws Committee

- 1. Composition: The Bylaws Committee shall be composed of any interested members on the Senate, and shall be chaired by the Parliamentarian.
- 2. Purpose: The Bylaws Committee shall <u>annually review and</u>, if necessary, propose significant changes of these bylaws to the Senate review, and recommend to the Senate for approval, the bylaws of Affiliated Groups in the event that their affiliation is contested.

ARTICLE XII: AFFILIATED GROUPS

A. Definition

Affiliated Groups shall be those organizations and committees formally recognized by the Council and shall be eligible to receive funds from the annual Organization budget, may use the Student Center without fee, are covered under general school insurance, may apply for an office in the student activities wing of the Student Center, and may use Student Activities space and supplies.

B. Recognition

All of those student groups using the name, logo, and branding of the Colorado School of Mines, or representing the Colorado School of Mines, including student publications, as defined by Article X, Section A, and not specifically dealt with in the bylaws must have their bylaws, charter, and/or constitutions approved by the Council. The application status for Affiliated Group shall as follows:

- 1. All necessary paperwork (as listed in Part C of this Article) must be completed and submitted to the Student Activities Office.
- 2. Upon review by that office the application will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for final approval.

C. Requirements for Good Standing

- 1. The group shall submit an organization contact sheet to the Student Activities office at the beginning of every academic year and/or officer transition.
- 2. Upon the request of the Council, the group shall submit a report containing a financial statement, activities planned, and special requests and recommendations of the group.
 - a. The financial statement consists of report stating expenditures, income, and balance before purchase orders or reimbursements are approved.
- 3. Upon the request of the Council, the group shall review its procedures, activities, and constitution.
- 4. Groups approved by the Council before the effective date of these bylaws shall be allowed to submit budgets for consideration without resubmission of their bylaws, charter, and/or constitution. All other organizations shall submit their bylaws, charter and/or constitution for the approval of the Council.
 - a. The group's bylaws, charter, and/or constitution must conform to these bylaws and include, verbatim, the text of Article XV.
- 5. Each group must meet all requirements listed in Section D of this article.

D. Fiscal Requirements

- 1. The group shall submit an itemized budget to Budget Committee in the spring of the academic year prior to which money is budgeted.
- Upon request at any time of the Council or the Budget Committee, a financial report stating expenditures, income, and balance must be created. This report must be submitted to the Council prior to new funds requests.
- 3. The group shall notify the Budget Committee of the person(s) authorized to charge goods and services to their allotted budget. This designated person can be held liable for the debts (incurred by the organization he/she represents) that are not allotted in the organization's approved budget or approved by the Student Body Treasurer.
- 4. The group shall not hold any outside checking or banking account in accordance with School and state budgeting procedures.
- 5. Submission of a budget to the Budget Committee does not guarantee the receipt of student funds for the group.

ARTICLE XIII: INITIATIVE AND RECALL BY THE ORGANIZATION

A. Powers

- 1. The Organization, in writing, may petition to:
 - a. Nullify any measure adopted by the Senate or implement any measure not adopted by the Senate within thirty (30) days after it has been proposed.
 - b. Recall any officer or board member elected by the membership of the Organization.

B. Requirements

The above mentioned initiative or recall shall need a signed petition of one-twentieth (1/20) of the membership of the Organization in order to constitute the initiation of an election procedure.

C. Notice

Notice of the time, place, purpose, and duration of said special election shall <u>be</u> publicized not less than one (1) week in advance of the commencement of balloting.

D. Execution

An election committee shall be established and voting shall be held as stipulated Article IX, Section A. Three fourths (3/4) of the votes submitted by the members of the Organization must be affirmative to annul or adopt a measure so submitted, and the same vote shall be necessary to recall an ASCSM officer or board member. Any action thus taken by the Organization through this election process shall be final.

ARTICLE XIV: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Any elected or appointed position of the Organization may be removed due to not fulfilling the obligations of the respective office or due to <u>official</u> misconduct-inappropriate to the welfare of the Organization. A wWritten notice must be <u>presented at a given to the Executive Committee at one</u> meeting of the Senate outlining the reasoning for dismissal, then discussed and voted on at the following meeting of the Senate. A three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the council is required for removal.

ARTICLE XV: UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION POLICY

- The Associated Students of the Colorado School of Mines confirms its support of the principles and practices of nondiscrimination and equality regardless of race, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation or physical handicap, in its employment and in all of its programs, activities, and opportunities available to its members, except where allowed by law (20 USC §1681(a)(6)(A)).
- All actions and policies of the organization shall conform to the policies of the Board of Trustees and State and Federal Laws such as 20 USC §1681.

ARTICLE XVI: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended in whole or in part, subject to the approval of the Dean of Students, by the affirmative vote of no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members of the Senate, provided that notice of the proposed amendment(s) is presented to the Senate prior to the meeting during which the amendment(s) are to be voted on. The action of the Senate with reference to such amendments or proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be subject to initiative, in the manner herein before provided, to the same extent as any other action of the Senate.

An ad-hoc committee of Council shall be formed for reviewing and presenting significant changes of these bylaws to the Senate. This ad-hoc committee shall consist of all interested members of the Council, and shall be chaired by the Student Body Parliamentarian.