

Associated Students, Inc.
California Polytechnic State University
San Luis Obispo

GAYS. LESBIANS. BISEXUALS UNITED BYLAWS
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Article I. Preamble

- Section A. The aim of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals United is to provide a forum for discussion of pertinent issues, social interaction, community activism and outreach, and education of the university at large. Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals United shall strive to provide a system of support that will increase our members' sense of self-worth and facilitate one's relationship with others and with the general community. The organization shall endeavor to inform and educate the campus and community towards an understanding of the diverse aspects of humanity.
- Section B. It is the intent of this organization to abide by pertinent State, University and ASI regulations.

Article II. Purpose

- Section A. To provide an opportunity for its members to work with other individuals and organizations to promote a safe and motivating environment to assist the students in their academic and social endeavors.
- Section B. To organize discussions and debates regarding homosexuality; and, whenever possible, to include as participants faculty, interested professionals and outside resources.
- Section C. To encourage communication, cooperation, tolerance, and understanding within the university and the community.
- Section D. To serve as a vital link between campus and outside organizations, not only for the students on the campus of which it is a part, but also for faculty and staff and for other gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgenders, and friends in the community.

Article III. Identification

- Section A. The name of this organization shall be Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals United and hereinafter is referred to as GLBU.

Article IV. Membership

Section A. There shall be no discrimination in club membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, ethnicity, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, physical ability or political affiliation.

Section B. Active Membership

1. Active Membership may include any student registered at Cal Poly, including, but not limited to, part-time students, regular students and graduate students.
2. Any student wishing to be an Active Member must attend at least one meeting per quarter.

Section C. Inactive Membership

1. If an Active Member does not attend at least 1 meeting a quarter, he/she will become an inactive member.
2. An Inactive Member may regain Active Membership by attending a meeting.

Section D. Associate Membership shall include alumni, faculty, and staff.

Section E. Only Active Members may participate in meetings, be elected to office, vote, debate or represent the organization.

Section F. This organization or any of its members shall not conspire to commit any act which causes or is likely to cause bodily danger or physical or emotional harm to any member of the campus community.

Section G. Honorary Membership shall not exceed 10% of Active Membership.

Article V. Officers

Section A. The officers shall be:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

Section B. Qualifications

Officers must have at least a 2.0 Cal Poly cumulative GPA at the time of nomination and election, and must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA throughout their term of office.

Section C. Responsibilities

1. The President shall:

- a. Preside at all regular and special meetings.
- b. Have the power to authorize disbursement of all checks with the approval of the Treasurer and advisor.
- c. Lead the board of officers' meetings and the general meetings.
- d. Assist the Vice President in overseeing the committees
- e. Serve as a positive role model to GLBU

2. The Vice-President shall:

- a. Assist the President and be responsible for all duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President to serve.
- b. Oversee Committees.
- c. Serve as a positive role model to GLBU.

3. The Secretary shall:

- a. Keep full and accurate records of the proceedings of the organization, and record the minutes in a minute book.
- b. Keep register of the members of the GLBU.
- c. Preserve and pass on to the succeeding President all records of the office.
- d. Provide the weekly minutes to members.
- e. Serve as a positive role model to GLBU

4. The Treasurer shall:

- a. Be responsible to the club for all funds of GLBU within the policies and procedures of ASI.
- b. Receive all money of the organization and deposit the same. No money shall be withdrawn from the GLBU account unless

authorized by the President and signed by the Treasurer and advisor.

- c. Prepare all budgets for the organization.
- d. Inform the general membership as to the status of funds, all expenditures at the next regular meeting after they have been paid, and of all pending expenditures.
- e. Aid in fundraising activities.
- f. Serve as a positive role model to GLBU.

Section D. Elections

1. Nominations

- a. Any officer seeking reelection shall not entertain nominations for any offices from the membership during a regular GLBU meeting.
- b. Nominations will take place during the eighth week of spring quarter.
- c. Only Active Members of GLBU with a Cal Poly cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above are qualified to be nominated.

2. Voting

- a. Only Active Members may vote.
- b. voting shall take place during the ninth week of spring quarter.
- c. Nominees may be asked to speak in front of the group.
- d. An open discussion of nominees will be held before voting.
- e. The election shall be by majority vote of active members present at the meeting.

Section E. Term of Office

The term of the officers-elect shall be from the tenth week of the spring quarter to the tenth week of the next spring quarter.

Section F. Vacancies

1. In the event that the President is unable to continue in office, is removed or for any other reason is unable to perform the duties of the office, the Vice-President shall succeed the President and shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the Presidency for the remainder of the term.

2. In the event of the vacancy of any office except the Presidency, the position shall be filled by election. The 1st regular meeting following any vacancy shall be for nominations. The 2nd meeting following the vacancy shall be for voting. Elections shall follow procedures outlined in Art. V, section D, part 2.

Section G. Removal from Office

If any of the officers do not adhere to these bylaws, do not follow University or ASI policies and procedures, or exhibit behavior contrary to the best interests of the organization, they may be removed by ~~a petition signed by 2/3 of the active membership~~ **a unanimous vote of the remaining officers and approval from the advisor(s). The removed officer must be presented with a written statement from the advisor explaining the circumstances.**

Article VI. Meetings

- Section A. GLBU meetings and functions are open to everyone who respects the rights and opinions of those present.
- Section B. Meetings shall be held at least once a month. No official meetings shall be held during final exams or quarter breaks. During the Summer Quarter, meetings are optional, at the membership's discretion.
- Section C. Roberts' Rules of Order shall be referred to for all parliamentary procedures not covered by these bylaws.
- Section D. A quorum shall consist of 40% of the Active Membership.
- Section E. The President, any 2 officers, or a minimum of 2/3 of the Active Membership may call special meetings.

Article VII. Finances

- Section A. Only the President and Treasurer have the right to expend funds with the approval of the advisor.
- Section B. Funds must be administered through the ASI account service and within ASI policies and procedures.
- Section C. Voluntary dues shall be assessed. Charges may also apply to voluntary functions.
- Section D. Appropriations from ASI shall be requested in accordance with the instructions contained in the ASI Bylaws and Finance Codes.

Article VIII. Advisor

The advisor shall be a professional member of the teaching or administrative faculty or staff of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, selected by the Active Membership and approved by the advisor's respective Department Head and Dean.

Article IX. Amendments

Section A. Proposals

1. Any Active Member may propose amendments.
2. Approval of amendments requires a two-thirds vote of the Active Members present at the next meeting after the proposal of said amendment.

Section B. Amendments must be approved by the Codes and Bylaws Committee, ASI Board of Directors and the University before becoming effective.

Article X. Conflict

These bylaws shall be in accordance with the ASI Bylaws and Codes and the Policies of the University.