

Article I. Preamble

We, the students of Oregon Institute of Technology (Oregon Tech), acting by and through the authority delegated by the Oregon Tech Board of Trustees in Resolution 15-2, do hereby establish this constitution to protect and advance the collective interests of the students of this university. We authorize the association herein as the recognized agent for all matters pertaining to the collective students of OIT.

Article II. Student Bill of Rights

Section 1. Framing Narrative

- 1.1. We, the Students of the Oregon Institute of Technology, hereby affirm this document in order to preserve and inform students of their rights. In accepting these rights, students also accept the responsibility to act in a mature and responsible manner, laid out in the *Student Code of Conduct*, to further the mission of Oregon Tech: providing a hands-on, project-based learning environment that fosters innovation, scholarship, applied research, and the technical expertise to meet current and emerging needs of Oregonians as well as other national and international constituents.
- 1.2. As members of this academic community, students should be encouraged to develop their own critical judgment and to engage in a sustained and independent search for truth. Freedom to teach and freedom to learn are inseparable facets of academic freedom. The freedom to learn depends upon opportunities and conditions in the classroom, on the campus, and in the larger community. The responsibility to secure and to respect general conditions conducive to the freedom to learn is jointly shared by all members of the academic community. Students exercising the rights and freedoms defined in this document shall do so with concomitant responsibilities as prerequisites for achievement of the educational objectives involved.
- 1.3. A regard for the University as a physical as well as a social entity is a condition of its satisfactory functioning. The University has a duty to develop policies and procedures which provide and safeguard these conditions. Policies and procedures should be developed at the University within a framework of general standards and with the broadest possible participation of the members of the academic community.
- 1.4. The purpose of the following is to enumerate essential student freedoms. The term "student" shall herein refer to any person registered at the University for any course at any level. The term "university" shall herein refer to the Oregon Institute of Technology, including associated staff, faculty, and administration.

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Section 2. Student Rights

- 2.1. Every student has the right to an inclusive, high-quality education, including adequate means of support for progressing through and completing their degree program in the prescribed amount of time.
- 2.2. All students have the right to co-governance in all University decision-making bodies and fora relevant to their education, either directly or through democratic representation, with the right to be considered an equal stakeholder in higher education, including in financial matters.
- 2.3. All students have the right to freely express themselves, not limited to academic matters, and shall have their different backgrounds and experiences recognized as an important part of educational quality.
- 2.4. All students have the right to organize themselves freely in legally recognized entities. Students must not suffer academic, financial, or legal consequences stemming from such involvement.
- 2.5. All students have the right to a free and fair appeal against any University act which they feel to be discriminatory.
- 2.6. All students have the right to adequate counselling and support on their wellbeing; on how to successfully complete their education; on how to prepare themselves for the job market after completing their education.
- 2.7. All students have the right to teaching and evaluation methods suitable to their mode of education and shall be evaluated or graded solely on academic performance which are specifically counted as part of their degree program.
- 2.8. All students have the right to a free and fair appeal against any University decision related to their studies, including the right to have the grading of their academic work challenged by an external examiner.

Article III. Purpose and Membership

Section 1. Duties and Delegation

- 1.1. This organization shall be known as the Associated Students of Oregon Institute of Technology (ASOIT).
- 1.2. ASOIT will support the social, cultural, physical, and educational pursuits of its members, and represent the individual and collective interests of Oregon Tech students.
- 1.3. ASOIT membership consists of all currently enrolled students in good academic standing (2.5 per term/ accumulated GPA) at Oregon Tech.

Section 2. Organization

- 2.1. Oregon Tech Klamath Falls and Oregon Tech Portland-Metro shall have their own ASOIT Cabinet united by this Constitution and the ASOIT Council.
- 2.2. Klamath Falls and Portland-Metro campuses shall have their own Bylaws outlining their individual procedures. This document will enable a series of policies and guidelines.

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- 2.2.1. Bylaws shall be amended by an established quorum and a supermajority vote (2/3) of the respective campus Parliament of Owls, defined as all standing ASOIT Cabinet Members and Registered Student Organization (RSO) representatives from their respective campus (see Article V, Section 2.2).
- 2.2.2. Policies are binding documents and shall be enabled, amended, and disabled for each campus by a supermajority vote (2/3) of the Executive Cabinet at that campus.
- 2.2.3. Guidelines are ASOIT-endorsed, non-binding documents which inform, suggest courses of action, or set routines.
- 2.3. The ASOIT Council is composed of the President, Vice-President, and Advisors from both campuses and is open to all standing ASOIT Cabinet Members.
 - 2.3.1. The ASOIT Council is charged with sharing knowledge and collaborate on combined initiatives to connect the campuses' goals, projects, and common issues.
 - 2.3.2. The Council will meet twice virtually or in person each Fall, Winter, and Spring term. A scheduled meeting may be waived if both parties confirm one (1) week in advance.
 - 2.3.3. The responsibility for creating the meeting agenda and minutes will rotate campuses.
- 2.4. Students may not hold more than one position in ASOIT at any given time.

Section 3. Committees

- 3.1. Committees are established to assist the ASOIT Officers in carrying out their functions.
- 3.2. The committees will form as necessary for the ASOIT officers.
- 3.3. Committees are subject to specifications as outlined in the Bylaws.

Article IV. Amendment(s)

Section 1. Procedure

- 1.1. Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be submitted to the ASOIT Council.
- 1.2. Public hearings must be held at a General Meeting at each campus on the amendment(s).
- 1.3. The amendment(s) may then be approved and adopted by a supermajority vote (2/3) of attending ASOIT Officers and one (1) Representative of each RSO present at each campus.

Section 2. Enabling Clause

- 2.1. Once approved by the current membership of ASOIT, this Constitution becomes effective and supersedes all previous ASOIT Constitutions as of Thursday, April 24, 2025.

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