

**CONSTITUTION  
OF  
Abel Sandoz Complex Council**

**ARTICLE I**

*Name*

The name of this organization shall be the Abel Sandoz Complex Council, hereafter referred to as ASCC.

**ARTICLE II**

*Purpose of ASCC*

1. To provide its members with educational, social and recreational activities.
2. To enhance the living and learning environment in the Abel Sandoz Complex, and work jointly with RHA to create and alter policies affecting said environment.
3. To communicate with the general hall membership pertinent information.
4. To communicate the general opinions and interests of the general membership to RHA.

**ARTICLE III**

*Membership*

**Section 1: General Membership**

1. All residents residing in the Abel Sandoz Complex shall be members of ASCC general body.
2. ASCC does not discriminate in the selection of members or appointments when discrimination is defined as denying individuals membership or appointment on the basis of gender, age, disability, genetic information, race, color, religion, pregnancy, marital status, veteran status, national or ethnic origin, gender identity or expression, political affiliation or sexual orientation.

**Section 2: Active Membership**

1. Those general members serving in elected or appointed in ASCC general body shall be considered active members with the exception of Housing Staff.
2. Active members shall be elected in accordance to provisions set forth in this Constitution, its bylaws, or the RHA Constitution or its bylaws.
3. Each Floor Representative shall have one (1) vote in the General Assembly.
4. Each floor is guaranteed 2 voting members in the ASCC General Assembly through the floor representatives.
5. Active membership may be rescinded by resignation or impeachment or a resident moving out of the Abel Sandoz Complex.
6. This organization shall consist of at least five (5) currently enrolled student members. Non-members will be allowed to participate in any student organization activity, but will not

be a voting member, or an elected or appointed officer of this organization. A non-member is someone who is not currently enrolled at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and not currently living in Abel Residence Hall for the academic year.

## **ARTICLE IV** *General Assembly*

**Section 1:** The ASCC general assembly shall act as the policy-approving body of ASCC.

**Section 2:** Meetings of the General Assembly

1. Regular sessions of the General Assembly shall be called by the Exec Board, with a minimum of 48 hours notice, not less than once every two weeks.
2. Should both the President and Vice-President be absent from ASCC general assembly, floor representatives shall nominate and elect a temporary chairman to preside over the meeting.

**Section 3:** There should be two floor representatives from each floor present at each ASCC General Assembly meeting. If two floor reps are not present there could be penalties in the form of floor funds becoming frozen. The decision for procedure of penalties should be determined by the Executive Board before the first General Assembly meeting.

**Section 4:** Quorum shall consist of 51% of the Floor Representatives.

**Section 5:** The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary Authority of ASCC.

**Section 6:** Initiative

1. A petition with the verified signatures of five (5) percent of the general membership of ASCC shall bring a proposal before the ASCC General Assembly. The ASCC general assembly must vote upon a proposal brought forth in this manner within two (2) regular sessions after the petition's verification.

## **ARTICLE V** *Executive Board*

**Section 1:** The Executive Board shall supervise and direct the bodies and individuals stated in this Constitution and its bylaws, duly passed legislations, and all procedures and regulations of ASCC.

**Section 2:** All elected or appointed officers shall be voting members of the Executive Board.

**Section 3:** The Executive Board shall meet at least once a week and at the discretion

of the President or Vice-President. Unless otherwise stated by the president, vice president, or advisors.

**Section 4:** Quorum shall be a simple majority of the current membership of the Board.

**Section 6:** Together, the members of the Executive Board form the policy-making body of ASCC.

**Section 7:** The Executive Board shall set what committees to have, if any, and how they will be run within the first month after initiation.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### *Officers*

**Section 1:** The elected officers of ASCC shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) RHA Senators.

#### **Section 2:** Term of Office

A) The term of office, for all executive board members, shall be from the day after the General Assembly election until the last ASCC meeting of the academic year.

#### **Section 3:** Duties of the Officers

##### 1. Duties of the President shall be:

- a. To preside over all ASCC meetings, including those of the Executive Board and General Assembly (GA) and move presiding over (GA) to duties of the vice president.
- b. To attend all Residence Hall Association, Executive Board, and ASCC general assembly meetings.
- c. To introduce resolutions to the GA.
- d. To vote on all Executive Board meetings.
- e. To submit a balanced budget to the GA as soon as allocations are received from RHA. Move to duties of the treasure

##### 2. Duties of the Vice-President shall be:

- a. To attend all ASCC meetings, including those of the Executive Board and General Assembly.
- b. To vote in the Executive Board. And preside over Executive Board meetings
- c. In case of a tie in the Senate, the Vice-President shall, with counsel of the President, cast one ( 1 ) vote to break the tie.
- d. Temporarily assume the duties of the President concerning the Executive Board and Senate in the event of the President's temporary absence.

- e. To assist the President in any duties necessary when requested by the President.
3. Duties of the Secretary shall be:
  - a. To vote on all Executive Board decisions.
  - b. To attend all Executive Board and GA meetings.
  - c. To take roll call and minutes at all Executive Board and GA meetings.
  - d. To keep a permanent record of all minutes and actions of GA and make them provide them to a member of ASCC upon request.
4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:
  - a. To attend all Executive Board and GA meetings.
  - b. To vote on all Executive Board decisions.
  - c. To handle all financial transactions concerned with GA governmental functions and policies.
  - d. To keep all financial records of GA and to present financial reports at Executive Board and GA meetings when necessary.
5. The duties of the RHA Senators shall be:
  - a. To attend all Executive Board, GA, and RHA meetings.
  - b. To vote on all Executive Board decisions.
  - c. To be actively involved in RHA standing committee, as stated in the RHA constitution.
6. Exec board will decide about what if any committees are formed.
7. Duties of the Floor Representatives (Floor Reps) shall be:
  - a. Each Floor Representative shall have one ( 1 ) vote in the General Assembly.
  - b. To attend all GA meetings.
  - c. To vote on resolutions presented at GA meetings.
  - d. To represent the interests and opinions of his/her floor.
  - e. To keep residents of the Abel Sandoz Complex informed of ASCC actions.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### *Advisors*

#### **Section 1: Professional Staff**

- A) This organization shall have one Primary Advisor, which must be a regular Academic/Administrative or Managerial/Professional faculty/staff member of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and may have any number of Secondary Advisors, which may be regular Academic/Administrative, Managerial/Professional, or Office/Service staff members or Graduate Assistants of the University of Nebraska Lincoln.
- B) The Professional Staff advisors to ASCC shall be a Residence Hall Director (RD) of

either Abel North and/or Abel South.

- C) The RD advisors shall advise the Executive Board and shall have final say based on University policies, standards, practices, and expectations.

### **Section 2: RA Liaison**

- A) There shall also be at least three Resident Assistant (RA) Liaisons. At least one RA from Abel North, at least one RA from Abel South, and at least one RA from Sandoz.
- B) The duties of the RA Liaison shall be to attend all Executive Board and General Assembly meetings, assist in advising the Executive Board in Executive Board meetings, and inform other RA's about ASCC events and projects they are working on.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### *Election Procedures*

#### **Section 1: Qualifications**

- A. Anyone interested in serving on the ASCC Executive Board or in the ASCC General Assembly must be a resident of the Abel Sandoz Complex.
- B. Anyone serving in these positions shall be a student in good standing with the University and shall fulfill any and all University requirements for Residence Hall Office eligibility.

#### **Section 2: Executive Elections**

- A. Elections and recasts will be held according to RHA standards and expectations.
- B. In a contested election, a revote will be cast.
- C. Those elected shall take over office immediately after election.

#### **Section 3: Term of Office (add to executive board job description)**

- A. The term of office, for all executive board members, shall be from the day after the General Assembly election until the last ASCC meeting of the academic year.

#### **Section 4: Procedure to fill vacancies**

- A. If, for any reason, an elected Executive Board member must leave office at any time in the academic year, an appointment shall be made within two (2) weeks after the vacancy. B. The Executive Board shall:
  1. Publicize said vacancy
  2. Ask for and accept nominations to fill said vacancy
  3. Appoint a nominee
  4. A vacancy shall be filled upon the approval of the appointee by three-fifths ( $\frac{3}{5}$ ) of the ASCC Executive Board

5. The newly elected Executive Board member shall begin serving the remainder of the original term of office immediately.
  6. Or,
- C. The Executive Board shall:
1. Run an election similarly to the election at the beginning of the year.
- D. If, for any reason, no person applies for an Executive Board position, the Executive Board will appoint a proxy for the remainder of the term.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### *Succession*

**Section 1:** In the event the President vacates office, the Vice-President shall take over the duties of the Presidential office until that vacancy can be filled.

**Section 2:** In the event that the President and Vice-President vacate office, the Executive Board, or remnants thereof, shall act as President *pro tempore* until such time as a new President and Vice-President are found.

## **ARTICLE X**

### *Impeachment*

**Section 1:** Grounds for impeachment shall be failure to fulfill duties of office, as dictate in this Constitution.

**Section 2:** An impeachment motion may be introduced by a member of the Executive Board and/or general membership of ASCC against the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and/or RHA Senator At the time this motion is made, the charges against the defendant shall be made

**Section 3:** Impeachment cases shall be tried by the Executive Board with the person(s) being impeached given the right to defend themselves during the proceedings. A three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) majority in favor of impeachment by the voting membership of the Executive Board is required for removal.

**Section 4:** A person removed by impeachment shall be ineligible to hold an office in ASCC for the remainder of the term.

**Section 5:** Advisors can impeach executive board members based on behavior in the hall.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### *Finance*

**Section 1:** Funding for ASCC shall be from allocations from RHA, which are received each semester.

**Section 2:** ASCC may execute any money-making projects which do not violate the provisions of this Constitution or any applicable state or federal law, and are approved by the appropriate University agencies.

**Section 3:** Funds shall be handled by the ASCC Treasurer at the discretion of the ASCC Executive Board.

**Section 4:** ASCC shall operate within its allocated budget. No provisions to the budget shall place expenditures in excess of current financial resources.

**Section 5:** Floor allocations

- A. Upon RHA allocation, each floor shall receive an allocation of funding by the Executive Board.
- B. The Executive Board has the ability to determine the procedure for how floor funds can/will be frozen and how funding will be delegated and carried over from the Fall to the Spring semester.

**Section 6:** A tentative budget proposal shall be presented to the ASCC General Assembly by the Executive Board as soon as allocations from RHA have been received.

- A. The proposal is subject to discussion and revision by the General Assembly .
- B. The budget will go into effect immediately after its approval.

**Section 7:** Organizational monies will be handled by the Student Organization Financial Services (SOFS) regardless of source.

**Section 8:** The ASCC Budget is controlled solely by the ASCC Executive Board

## **ARTICLE XII**

### *Additional Information*

1. All inquiries not addressed in this constitution will follow the guidelines set forth by the Residence Hall Association's (RHA) constitution and by-laws.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### *Amendments and Ratifications*

**Section 1:** Amendments to be added to this Constitution may be presented in the form or resolutions, subject to the following provisions.

- A. Advanced notice of the amendment must be given in written form to no later than 24 hours prior to the Executive Board in which the debate on the amendment is to occur.
- B. The amendment may not be debated until it has been provided to each Executive Board Member, in a written/typed form, 24 hours prior to the next Executive Board meeting.
- C. Approval is three-fifths (3/5) vote of the Executive Board.

**Section 2:** All amendments must be approved by ASUN.

**Section 3:** This constitution shall go into effect immediately after a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote in favor by the General Assembly. This shall take place over two weeks: The first week shall be notice and debate. The second week shall be debate and vote.

**ARTICLE XVI**  
*Effective Date*

This constitution shall go into effect 04/28/2023 with Executive Approval from:

o President Carter Grier Date 4/28/2023

o Treasurer Noah Wixon Date 4/28/2023

**ARTICLE XIV**  
*Distribution of Finances/ Proper Business Activity*

RSO shall operate to the rules and guidelines of a non-profit entity. No part of the net earnings of ASCC shall inure to the benefit of individuals. ASCC will not be organized or operated for the benefit of private interests such as the creator's family, shareholders of the organization, other designated individuals, or persons controlled directly or indirectly by such private interests. ASCC shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in this document. ASCC will not, as a substantial part of its activities, attempt to influence legislation (unless it elects to come under the provisions allowing certain campaign lobbying expenditures) or participate to any extent in a political campaign for or against any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, ASCC shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under under Section 501 of the internal revenue code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws). Organizational monies shall be handled by



Student Organizational Financial Services, regardless of source.

## **ARTICLE XV**

### *Articles for Dissolution*

Upon dissolution of ASCC the officers and advisors shall after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of ASCC, dispose of all assets of ASCC exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization. Under section 501C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws), as the officers and advisors shall determine. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Office of Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, exclusively for such purposes to such organization(s), as determined by the Office of Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.