We, the associated students of the ninth college of the University of California Santa Cruz, in order to ensure full representation and protection of our interests as students thereof, and; in order to establish a permanent organization of ourselves to represent those interests; do hereby, establish ourselves as the Assembly of College Nine and therewith its associated governing bodies to act on our joint behalf and with all privileges and responsibilities such representation may entail and in such manner as those bodies determine to be in the best combined interest of the Assembly of College Nine.

Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be “The Assembly of College Nine,” (hereinafter the “Assembly”) until such time as the ninth college of the University of California Santa Cruz’s name is officially changed and at which time the name of the Assembly shall automatically and with immediate affectivity, become “The Assembly of” succeeded by the official name of the ninth college of the University of California Santa Cruz.

Article II. Interpretation

In these articles of incorporation, unless inconsistent with the context or subject thereof:

Section 1. Severability
(a) If any part of this constitution is held invalid or unenforceable, that portion shall be construed in a manner consistent with applicable law and university policy to reflect, as nearly as possible, the original intentions of the document, and the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 2. “UCSC” is understood to mean the “University of California Santa Cruz;”

Section 3. notwithstanding Art. IV, the “Assembly” is understood to mean “The Assembly of College Nine” or the enduring name thereof, referring to the body of the students of the ninth college at the University of California Santa Cruz; and

Section 4. the “Senate” is understood to mean the legislative authority of the Assembly charged with legislation of the Objects of the Assembly; and

Section 5. the “Executive Board” is understood to mean the executive authority of the Assembly charged with implementation of legislation of the Senate and the Objects of the Assembly; and

Section 6. the word “Senator,” or any variation thereof, is understood to mean a member of the Senate; and

Section 7. “limited privilege of the floor” is understood to mean privilege to speak before the Senate but not the privilege to vote or to make or second motions or to author or cosign resolutions either in the Senate or any committees, subcommittees, or other bodies thereof; and

Section 8. “full privilege of the floor” is understood to mean privilege to make or second motions or to author or cosign resolutions or to speak before the Senate or to vote albeit not by proxy; and

Section 9. “fresh” is understood to mean an undergraduate student in their first year at UCSC; and

Section 10. where an organization is named it means that organization or any successor body or part thereof.

Section 11. Division in interpretation
(a) In the event of a discrepancy in interpretation of this constitution by at least one third of the Senate the Chair shall convene within one week’s time a special committee:
1. whose charge shall be the interpretation of that portion of the Constitution where a discrepancy exists and no other portion thereof; and
2. whose members shall be, as determined by the Chair, the leaders of both the majority and minority opinions and an impartial uninterested mediator; and
3. which shall within one week of its creation by the President report back to the Senate the findings of its mediator; and
4. which shall after presenting its findings to the Senate be thusly abolished; and
(b) after such presentation by aforementioned committee the Senate shall vote to approve the findings of the committee by simple majority or by single transferable vote if the discrepancy in interpretation of the Constitution is non-binary.

Article III. Objects of the Assembly

Section 1. The Assembly shall be autonomous in:
(a) its own governance; and
(b) interpretation of its constitution, this document; and
(c) its budgetary allocations; and
(d) the manner in which meetings are conducted; and
(e) the manner in which it takes action.

Section 2. In addition to the basic objects of the Assembly and without limiting the rights endowed to the Assembly resultant of such objects, the objects and purposes of the Assembly shall be deemed to include:
(a) the creation of binding regulations governing the Assembly; and
(b) the judicial interpretation of regulations of the Assembly; and
(c) the implementation of regulations of the Assembly; and
(d) the purchase, taking on lease or in exchange, and the hiring or otherwise acquiring of any real or personal property that may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes of the Assembly; and
(e) the accepting of any gifts, whether subject to special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects or purposes of the Assembly.
(f) the buying, selling, and supplying of and dealing in goods in all kind; and
Article IV. Assembly Membership

Section 1. The Assembly shall be composed of all present students of the ninth college of UCSC who are not:

(a) students also carrying privileges as associates of other colleges of the University of California Santa Cruz or their respective student assemblies or the equivalent thereof; and
(b) former students of the University of California Santa Cruz simultaneously employed by the same; and
Section 2. Members of the Assembly shall be entitled limited privilege of the floor notwithstanding Art. V Sec. 2(e); and
Section 3. Notwithstanding Art. IV Sec. 1 and Art. V Sec. 2 (e), membership in the Assembly may not be revoked, suspended, or otherwise terminated without the consent of the member.

Article V. Senate

Section 1. Senators

(a) Senators shall represent their constituency, the Assembly, in all of their actions as such; and in such capacity:
   1. shall have full privilege of the floor at meetings; and
   2. shall share the responsibilities of the Senate, actively participating in its functions and assisting in performing its duties; and
   3. shall, pursuant to and in the manner prescribed by Art. VI Sec. 1 (a) 2.6, represent their constituency, the Assembly, as dedicated representatives thereof to the various committees requesting representation by the Assembly or the Senate; and
   (b) Senatorship
      1. shall be assigned of all members of the Assembly having attended two full meetings of the Senate in a single quarter; and
      2. notwithstanding Art. IV Sec. 1 or Art. V Sec. 2 (e), may not be revoked, suspended, or otherwise terminated without the consent of the member.

Section 2. Senate Meetings:

(a) shall be first convened during the second full week of a quarterly academic term; and
(b) shall be last convened during the final week of instruction of a quarterly academic term; and
(c) Quorum:
   1. shall be a specific minimum number of senators required in order for the Senate to conduct official business; and
   2. shall be defined by the Senate bylaws; and
(d) to such extent as the chair finds necessary or upon the demand by a member of the Assembly shall, notwithstanding the terms of this constitution and its bylaws unless inconsistent with the context or subject thereof, be governed by the latest edition of the parliamentary authority Robert’s Rules of Order; and
(e) shall enter closed session and follow these rules thereof:
   1. that closed session shall be automatically entered during the discussion of matters of personnel or appointments; or
   2. that closed session shall be entered at the order and discretion of the chair; and
   3. that entering closed session shall require the immediate expulsion of all non-senators except advisory personnel specifically exempted by the chair due to their advisory capacity on the specific issue for which closed session has been entered; and
   4. that all persons present during closed session shall be subject to an oral non-disclosure agreement administered by the chair and that record of the closed session shall be maintained by the Vice President of Internal Affairs but not included in the minutes and that such record shall not be made publicly available; and
   5. that closed session, entered pursuant to Art. V. Sec. 2(d) 2 only, may be appealed and exited by an affirmative vote of no less than two thirds of the Senate notwithstanding that such portions of the meeting already having taken place in closed session remain subject to the regular rules of non-disclosure for closed session.

Section 3. Assembly Representatives, Liaisons, and Advisors

(a) shall actively pursue the interests of the Assembly identified by the Senate in meetings attended by the representative or office or position held by the liaison or advisor on behalf of the assembly; and
(b) shall regularly attend meetings of the organizations to which the representatives, liaisons, and advisors belong; and
(c) shall normally attend meetings of the Senate; and
(d) shall report weekly to the Senate; and
(e) shall communicate regularly with the chair of the Senate regarding the important events of meetings attended by the representative on behalf of the Assembly; or
(f) shall communicate regularly with the chair of the Senate regarding important circumstances affecting the Assembly related to the office represented by the liaison or advisor.

Section 4. Senate Committees

(a) shall meet as needed; and
(b) shall be subject to Art. V. Sec. 2(d) & (e) as meetings of the Senate’s committees; and
(c) unless inconsistent with the content or subject thereof shall be otherwise open to all members of the Assembly notwithstanding Art V. Sec. 2(e).
(d) Standing Committees
1. The Senate Executive Committee, hereinafter SEC, shall be the official voice of the Executive Board at meetings of the Senate and thusly shall have membership and attendance limited only to the officers of the Executive Board and advisors to the Senate (ex officio).

2. The Senate Committee on Appropriations and Finance, hereinafter CAF, shall work with the Vice President of Finance to discuss and determine all financial matters of the Assembly; and, in so doing:
   2.1 shall review funding requests and make non-discussable proposals to the Senate for specific funding amounts; and
   2.2 shall, on an annual basis and in consultation with the governing body of the students of the tenth college of the University of California Santa Cruz, evaluate the current budget and prepare and propose a budget to the Senate for the following academic year in the third quarterly academic term.
   2.3 shall review and make a discussable proposal to the Senate to approve, deny, or send back for changes, the quarterly proposed CWPC budget

3. The College-wide Programming Committee, hereinafter CWPC, shall be a joint committee of the ninth and tenth colleges of UCSC which shall plan and implement college events; and, in so doing:
   3.1 shall represent the foreign interests of the Assembly or the tenth college of UCSC’s equivalent assembly as voting members; and
   3.2 shall propose to CAF and the equivalent committee of the tenth college of UCSC an itemized budget with proposed events and projected general expenditures for the same on a quarterly basis.

4. The Committee on Elections and Constitution, hereinafter CEC, shall be a committee of the ninth college of UCSC which shall oversee the elections process, coordinating with the VPI; and, in so doing:
   4.1 shall be responsible for authoring and approving for the ballot all constitution amendments pursuant to Art. VII; and
   4.2 shall meet as necessary and pursuant to Art. VI, Sec. 1 (a) 2.8.

(e) Special Committees:
   1. may be created by the President with a specific charge and lifespan for advisory use to the Executive Board and/or Senate; and
   2. the Senate may delegate specific powers and responsibilities otherwise of the Senate to these committees.

Article VI. Executive Board
Section 1. Composition

(a) the President:
   1. shall preside over the Assembly and be the official voice and representative of the Senate and the same and in such capacity:
      1.1 shall act with the full vested authority of the Assembly and Senate on behalf of the same and in the interim between meetings thereof and so doing be the sole authorized signatory on behalf of the same; and
      1.2 shall represent the Assembly at official events and functions; and
      1.3 shall attend meetings of the Council of Chairs, when convened, as the primary representative of the Assembly thereto; and
      1.4 shall train and ensure the effectiveness of the officers of the Executive Board; and
      1.5 shall chair SEC; and
      1.6 shall be a senator ex officio with full voting privileges; and
   2. shall act as chair of the Senate and in such capacity:
      2.1 shall call weekly meetings to order; and
      2.2 shall call emergency meetings of the Senate as necessary; and
      2.3 shall determine the Senate agenda for each of its meetings and the order thereof notwithstanding Art. V Sec. 2 (g); and
      2.4 shall arrange for the implementation of Senate legislation; and
      2.5 shall create and charge special committees of the Senate as necessary; and
      2.6 shall, notwithstanding appointments ex officio Art. VI Sec. 1. (c) 7 & (d) 3, and with the consultation of the Executive Board, appoint and, as necessary, remove or replace representatives of the Senate to any and all organizations requesting official representation by the Assembly including, but not limited to, the Student Union Assembly, the Student Union Governance Board, the Academic Senate, the Student Committee on Committees, the Campus Sustainability Council, Core Council, and
      2.7 shall hold regular office hours; and
      2.8 shall be a member of all Senate committees ex officio; and

(b) the Vice President of Internal Affairs, hereinafter VPI:
   1. shall represent the domestic interests of the Assembly and in such capacity:
      1.1 shall serve as Secretary of the Senate in publishing the weekly agenda and recording and publishing minutes of meetings of the Senate; and
   2. shall serve the Assembly as a member of the Executive Board and in such capacity:
      2.1 shall chair meetings of the senate in the absence of both the President and VPE shall immediately conduct an election within the Senate for chair pro tempore; and
      2.2 shall, with the aid of the advisors to the Senate, organized and implement an annual officer retreat; and
      2.3 shall be available for meeting by appointment; and
   3. shall advise the Senate on the domestic interests of the Assembly and in such capacity:
      3.1 shall be a member of all standing Senate committees ex officio; and
      3.2 shall be a senator ex officio with full voting privileges; and
      3.3 shall oversee the elections process; and
      3.4 shall oversee the process of reviewing and amending the Constitution annually; and
      3.5 shall chair meetings of CEC; and

(c) the Vice President of External Affairs, hereinafter VPE:
   1. shall represent the foreign interests of the Assembly and in such capacity:
      1.1 shall encourage the development of relations between the Assembly and the other colleges and organizations of the University of California Santa Cruz; and
      1.2 shall train and ensure the effectiveness of representatives, liaisons, and advisors to the Senate; and
Article VIII. Bylaws

Section 1. The Senate may approve or remove bylaws of the Assembly not in conflict with the Constitution with a two-thirds vote of the Senate; and

Section 2. The Constitution and its amendments shall supersede any Bylaw of the Assembly in the event of disagreement between the two; and

Section 3. The Senate may, at its discretion, temporarily suspend bylaws, but not the Constitution or its amendments, with a two-thirds vote thereof.

Article IX. Amendments

Amendment 1. Changes to Elections Procedure for VPI (Ratified Spring 2005)

1.1 Art. VI, Sec. 2 (b) is amended to read “President, VPI, VPE” wherever it reads “President, VPE”.

1.2 Art. VI, Sec. 2 (c) is repealed and the citations of the succeeding subsections of Art. V, Sec. 2 are amended to follow c

Amendment 2. Committee on Elections and Constitution (Ratified Spring 2005)

Art. V, Sec. 4 (d) 4 is appended to Art. V, Sec 4 (d) and reads:

“The Committee on Elections and Constitution, hereinafter CEC, shall be a committee of the ninth college UCSC which shall oversee the elections process, coordinating with the VPI; and, in so doing:

4.1 shall be responsible and approving for the ballot all constitution amendments pursuant to Art. VII; and shall meet as necessary.”

Amendment 3. Changes to the Process for Amendment (Ratified Spring 2005)

Art. VII, Sec. 1 is appended to Art. VII and reads:

“Amendments to the Constitution shall be approved for placement on the ballot for an election if and only if:

(a) no less than twenty percent of the current College Nine students sign a petition to that effect; or

(b) the Senate approves a motion by CEC to put such an amendment on the ballot.”

Amendment 4. Procedural Changes (Ratified Spring 2005)

Section 2. Eligibility for, election of, appointment of, and removal of

(a) All senators who will be undergraduates in the year they will serve as an officer of the Executive Board are eligible to run for President, VPI, VPE or VPF.

(b) The President, VPE, VPI and VPF shall be elected in an annual election of the Assembly to take place in the spring academic quarter of the year preceding appointment to office; and

1. In the event that an officer is not elected for any and/or all of the positions of President, VPE, VPI or VPF in the spring academic quarter of the year preceding appointment to office, Art. VI Sec. 2 (d) notwithstanding, the election for the same

such offices shall reoccur during the fall academic quarter of the year of appointment to office at such time as the election for VPI also takes place pursuant to Art. VI, Sec. 2 (c).

(c) In the event of a vacancy in office, notwithstanding Art. VI, Sec. 2 (b) 1, the Senate shall appoint an interim officer to fill the vacant office until such time as the Senate is able to conduct an election for the office.

(d) An officer of the Executive Board may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of no-confidence by the Senate.

Article VII. Ratification and Amendments

An Amendment to this constitution shall be considered to have been ratified and shall go into full force at such time as no less than ten percent of current students at the ninth college of UCSC vote in an election for the specific purpose of ratifying the same and no less than two-thirds of those voting vote in favor of the amendment.

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Section 3. The Senate may, at its discretion, temporarily suspend bylaws, but not the Constitution or its amendments, with a two-thirds vote thereof.
Procedural changes are non-substantive changes to the Constitution and thus shall not be recorded using formatting differentiating original language from language as amended, as shall otherwise be the case with amendments, but instead the language shall be directly amended as indicated:

4.1 Article V Sec. 4(d) 3 is amended to read: “The College-wide Programming Committee, hereinafter CWPC, shall be a joint committee of the ninth and tenth Colleges of UCSC which shall plan and implement college events; and, in so doing:”

4.2 Art. V, Sec. 4(b) is amended to read: “shall be subject to Art. V, Sec. 2(d) & (e) as meetings of the Senate’s committees; and”

4.3 Art. IV, Sec. 1 is amended to read: “The Assembly shall be composed of all past and present students of the ninth college of the University of California Santa Cruz who are not:”

4.4 Art. IV, Sec. 2 is amended to read: “Members of the Assembly shall be entitled no less than limited privilege of the floor notwithstanding Art. V Sec. 2(e); and”

Amendment 5. Changes in Vice President of Internal Affairs Duties (Ratified Spring 2005)

Art. VI, Sec. 1 (b) 3.3 & 3.4 are appended to Art. VI, Sec. 1 (b) 3 and read, respectively:

3.3 shall oversee the elections process; and

3.4 shall oversee the process of reviewing and amending the Constitution annually; and

3.5 shall chair meetings of CEC.

Amendment 6. Change in Presidential Duties (Ratified Spring 2005)

Art. VI, Sec. 1 (a) 2.8 is repealed and the citations of the succeeding subsections of Art. VI, Sec. 2 are amended to follow consecutively.

Amendment 7. Adviser’s Role (Ratified Spring 2005)

The adviser shall be a member of the College Nine professional staff who shall be an ex officio member of the Assembly and in so much:

7.1 Shall have limited privilege of the floor; and

7.2 Shall attend meetings of the SEC; and

7.3 Should make all attempts to be impartial; and

7.4 Shall be prohibited from voting in the Senate.

Amendment 8. Quorum (Ratified Spring 2005)

Art. V, Sec. 2(c) 2 is amended to read: “shall be defined in the Senate bylaws; and”

Amendment 9. Changes in Presidential Succession (Ratified Spring 2005)

Art. VI, Sec. 1 (b) 2.1 is amended to read “shall chair meetings of the Senate in the absence of both the President and VPE and shall immediately conduct an election within the Senate for chair pro tempore”

Amendment 10. Changes to Quorum Requirements for Constitutional Amendments (Ratified Spring 2005)

Art. VII is amended to read “An amendment to this constitution shall be considered to have been ratified and shall go into full force at such time as no less ten percent of current students of the ninth college of UCSC vote in an election for the specific purpose of ratifying the same and no less than two thirds of those voting vote in favor of the amendment.”

Affirmed, this day, the twenty-seventh day of May, two-thousand and four,

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Section 4. Senatorship Status
(a) In becoming a Senator, in accordance with Art. V Sec. 1 (a) 2, the Senator is expected to share the responsibilities of the Senate.
(b) Failure to perform the duties of a Senator, having been knowingly agreed to in becoming a Senator, and having the characteristic of damaging Senate functions, shall enable a Senator’s senatorship to change, as stipulated in the by-laws.
(c) Active Senatorship
1. An active Senator has full privileges of the floor.
(d) Suspended Senatorship
1. If a senator is absent from two meetings in a row, their status lapses from “active” to “suspended.”
2. A suspended Senator shall have limited privileges of the floor.
3. In order to be removed from suspension, a Senator must attend one meeting as a suspended Senator. The Senator must then attend the next consecutive meeting of the Senate. The Senator will regain “active” status at the beginning of their second consecutive meeting.
(e) Inactive Senatorship
1. In the event that a Senator intend to take an extended leave from Senate duties, they shall inform the Executive Board and their status shall change from “active” to “inactive.”
2. A Senator cannot become inactive if they are already suspended.
3. Inactivity shall lapse upon notification of the Executive Board.

Section 5. Quorum
(a) Quorum shall consist only of active Senators.

Amended December 6th, 2012