



What is SGA?

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Student governments (SGA) are the organizations on college campuses that _____ students, serve as their voice, and exists to enhance the educational experience for everyone that attends their college or university. Specifically, the Bylaws of the Associated Students of Wenatchee Valley College at Omak states that its purpose shall be:

- To _____ for students.
- _____ the student voice in College decision making.

The Senate shall:

- _____, _____, and _____ the activities, guidelines and procedures of ASWVCO.
- Strive to _____, _____ and _____ leadership skills and abilities.

Roles and Responsibilities The Student Senate of ASWVCO has the following authority and duties:

1. _____ the Bylaws.
2. _____ Student Service and Activities Fees.
3. _____ business of the ASWVCO.
4. _____ on behalf of ASWVCO at college related functions.
5. _____ student clubs.
6. _____ students to committees.
7. Professionally serve as a _____ of information or expression of concerns between administration, the Senate, and WVCO students.
8. _____ in required meetings, trainings, college events, and leadership development opportunities.
9. Actively _____ for and address student concerns.
10. _____ all Senate events.

11. What else?

Governing Documents

1. Constitution is the framework of the organization
 1. Defines the _____ and principles of the organization.
 2. Spells out the _____.
 3. ASWVCO provides a _____ of terms.
 4. Establishes the _____, in this case the ASWVCO Student Senate.
 5. Provides a _____ for amendment and process for ratification.
 6. May have a clause of _____. Look for inclusive terms such as “gender identity”.
 7. _____ terms like “they/them” instead of “he/she” or “Chair” instead of Chairman, Chairwoman, or Chairperson.

2. Bylaws
 1. Sets forth the _____ for operating the organization.
 2. Defines the criteria to be a _____.
 - a. Requirements
 - b. Responsibilities
 - c. Guidelines for _____ of a member
 - d. Structure
 3. _____ and other fees
 4. Duties of the officers
 - a. _____
 - b. Responsibilities

- c. _____ descriptions
- d. Procedures for _____ vacant positions
- e. _____ from office
- 5. Membership and duties of the _____ Board
- 6. _____
 - a. Standing
 - b. Creation of special committees
 - c. Chair appointment and/or selection
 - d. Meeting
 - e. Powers and duties
- 7. Must provide for amendments and procedures for ratification

- 3. _____ Rules and/or _____
 - a. Defines procedures, _____, and _____
 - b. Could include items such as:
 - i. _____ code
 - ii. _____ hours
 - iii. _____ and other compensation
 - iv. Travel _____
 - v. Other? _____
 - _____
 - _____

- 4. Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised is typically defined as the resource for anything not covered in the governing documents.

Student Government Legislation

What kind of proposals should SGA members make?

1. Items for _____ on campus
2. Support of causes and _____ of students and clubs/organizations
3. Positions on _____ at local, state, and national levels of interest to students
4. Honoring significant _____ of those in the campus community
5. Other? _____
