OHLONE COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

CHARTER & PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
OF OHLONE COLLEGE

ASOC Motto
“We serve students first: advocating for their true needs, wants, and concerns.”

—THE FOLLOWING ARE THE GOVERNING RULES OF THE ASOC—
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Section 1: Purpose
Partner and charter organizations play a significant role in enhancing ASOC’s mission of addressing Ohlone Student’s needs, wants, and concerns through advocating, assisting, lobbying, or simply being supportive in this goal. Partner and charter organizations may operate in areas such as the State Government, Local Government, Charitable giving, Research, or other areas outside of ASOC’s primary area of expertise, thus expanding ASOC’s ability to address areas of its mission it otherwise may not be able to.

Article 2: Charter Organizations

Note: As of the 8/22/19 editors, there are no ASOC charters. Further discussions over legalities should be observed until a charter project is initiated.

Section 1: Charter Organizations are defined as;
An organization external from ASOC, and possibly Ohlone, which ASOC has granted permission to operate to fulfill an explicit prestated purpose on behalf of the associated students. More detailed on ASOC Charter Organizations can be found in Charter Organizations Policy

Section 2: How to establish a Charter Organization
Charter organizations may exist prior to being chartered by ASOC, as well as external in their other ventures. The defining characteristic of a Charter Organization is that it is a separate auxiliary organization made (or acquired) by ASOC to fulfill a project outside of or expanding beyond the ASOC Mission in order to further benefit Ohlone students.

Section 2.1: Charter must be created by a vote by the ASOC Legislature

Section 2.2: If is an acquisition charter, must be approved by the acquired organization through their own internal means.

Section 3: Acquiring, Re-Activating, Establishing A Charter Organization

Section 3.1: Re-Activating

Section 3.1.1: Some Charter organizations may go ‘dormant’ with the intention of being reactivated by the ASOC when their service is needed or students interested in managing organization arise.

Section 3.1.2: It is the duty of the ASOC Executives to vote to reactivate with a majority vote in favor, before then requesting activation rights from the last president of that Charter Organization. It is important to make contact with last Charter’s president in order to obtain all relevant charter documents.

Section 3.1.3: If the last president does not respond within 2 months of ongoing efforts to pursue, then ASOC may create a ‘new iteration’ of the organization where they must create any missing documents of the organization on their own.
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Section 3.1.4: The Executive Council must then fulfill the bylaws of the previously dormant charter and find a new board and President to lead its operations.

Section 3.2: Acquiring
If a student organization is interested in becoming an ASOC Charter Organization, they must meet with the ASOC Executive Council to have a comprehensive plan and arrangement. Once the Executive Council votes to approve the plan, the ASOC Senate must approve the agreement, and the Charter Contract may be signed.

Note: For some organizations, a Partnership may be more appropriate than a Charter Contract.

Section 3.3: Establishing
If the ASOC Legislature deems it necessary to create a new Charter organization to address a subject, a plan to establish a new Charter may be commenced. Charter Bylaws must be formed, and a Charter contract must be signed by both the ASOC President and new Charter President after approved by the ASOC Senate.

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Article 3: Partner Organizations

Section 1: Definition
Any organization on or off campus that wishes to Partner with ASOC in official capacity to fulfill a mission that in some capacity serves the goals of the Ohlone Students.

ASOC must have an active part in decision making in this partnership, and the goal of said partnership must benefit the Associated Students of Ohlone College.

Section 2: How to Establish a Partnership with ASOC
A partnership may be established through an ASO Bill of Partnership by the ASOC, or through an informal partnership of ongoing mutual projects.

Section 3: Current Partnered Organizations
Section 3.1: SSCCC Region IV
Voting body consisting of delegates from local community college student governments in the South Bay Area to create proclamations and lobbying initiatives for region of CC students.
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ASOC partners every year with Region IV by sending our delegates to regional meetings to produce resolutions that advocate on behalf of Ohlone Student Interests.

Section 3.2: SSCC
Student Senate for California Community Colleges is a nonprofit corporation. SSCC endeavors to "improve student access, promote student success, engage and empower local student leaders, and enrich the collegiate experience for all California community college students.

ASOC partners every year with SSCC by sending our delegates to GA every year (if able) to vote on resolutions and lobbying efforts. ASOC also invites our college’s Student Trustee to join the SSCC Student Trustee Caucus to advocate for Ohlone Interests there.

Section 3.3: California Community College Foundation
The Foundation serves as the official foundation supporting the Board of Governors, Chancellor’s Office, and the entire California Community College system, including 115 colleges and 73 districts, serving 2.1 million students.

ASOC has in the past sent members of our student government to Sacramento in partnership with CCCF to lobby the State Assembly and State Senate on student issues that pertain to Ohlone Students.

Section 3.4: Ohlone College Foundation
“The Ohlone College Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit auxiliary organization created to support Ohlone College in the execution of its strategic mission. The Foundation focuses on the critically important task of raising funds to support a broad array of educational programs.”–Ohlone Website

ASOC Partners with the Ohlone College Foundation in providing scholarships every year for students.

Section 3.5: Bay Area Young Advocates
“The Bay Area Young Advocates was an independent group of students, formed to meet the students' Needs, Wants, and Concerns in the external political sphere, to advocate and promote their interests on their behalf”.

Their main project was to increase the transportation facilities for Ohlone students by bringing in a shuttle system.