

**Constitution of the
Applied Mathematics and Scientific Computation Student Council
University of Maryland
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Preamble

We, the students of the Applied Mathematics and Scientific Computation (AMSC) Program, do hereby establish this Constitution in order that the purpose of the Applied Mathematics and Scientific Computation Student Council be realized to its fullest extent.

Article I. Name

This organization shall be known as the "Applied Mathematics and Scientific Computation Student Council," hereafter referred to as "ASC".

Article II. Purpose

1. The ASC is a non-profit educational organization with the following goals and purposes:
 - to plan and facilitate meetings for the students of the Applied Mathematics and Scientific Computation (AMSC) Program at the University of Maryland;
 - to promote peer mentoring, social interaction, group study and skill development amongst AMSC students;
 - to voice student concerns to the AMSC Graduate Committee;
 - to voice concerns of the AMSC Graduate Committee and AMSC Director to the AMSC students;
 - to represent the AMSC students in the Graduate Student Government (GSG).
2. The ASC shall abide by established University of Maryland policies.

Article III. Membership

1. Membership shall be limited to five (5) currently registered students in the AMSC Program at the University of Maryland, College Park, who have passed three qualifying exams for the Applied Mathematics Concentration or completed (with a grade point average of at least 3.5) the Core Courses for the Scientific Computation Concentration.
2. The membership shall be comprised of at least one member from each of the Concentrations of the AMSC Program, is possible (see Article V, Section 2.F for an explanation of when this may not be possible).
3. The ASC openly admits students to its membership and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, personal appearance, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, or on the basis of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Article IV. Officers

1. The ASC shall have one officer, the ASC President.
2. The ASC President shall serve at the Student Representative on the AMSC Graduate Committee. The responsibilities of the AMSC Graduate Committee Student Representative are defined in the AMSC Plan of Organization.
3. The ASC President shall serve at the Student Representative on the Department of Mathematics Graduate Committee. The responsibilities of this position are determined by the Department of Mathematics Graduate Committee.
4. The ASC President, with input from the other members of the ASC, shall appoint the ASC Member(s) who will act as the AMSC Representative(s) in the GSG.
5. The ASC President shall ensure that the members of the ASC are performing their duties.

Article V. Operations

1. Voting Eligibility

All students in the AMSC Program who are currently registered when an election takes place shall be granted voting privileges.

2. Election Process

- A. All members of the ASC shall be elected to serve for one (1) year during the following academic year. The election will take place during the third week of April each year.
- B. There is no limit to the number of terms for which a member can be elected.
- C. Nominations for membership will be taken during a one (1) week period before an election takes place. Any eligible voter can nominate a student for membership.
- D. Voting will take place during a one (1) week period immediately following the close of the nomination week.
- E. Each eligible voter shall be allowed to vote for as many as two (2) students from a list of nominated students for ASC membership.
- F. The five (5) students receiving the most votes shall be the ASC Members. In the case that those five (5) students are from a single Concentration and at least one student from the other Concentration has been nominated for ASC membership, the four (4) students receiving the most votes and the student from the other Concentration receiving the most votes among nominated students from that Concentration shall be the ASC Members.

G. The student receiving the most votes in the election and has advanced to candidacy by the time of the election shall be the ASC President.

H. All voting shall be conducted and collected via e-mail by an Administrative Assistant in the AMSC Program Office and verified by the outgoing ASC President.

3. Meetings

A. The ASC shall meet at least one (1) day but no more than one (1) week prior to each meeting of the AMSC Graduate Committee.

B. The ASC shall meet whenever the ASC President requests a meeting.

C. The ASC shall meet whenever a majority of the ASC membership sends a request for a meeting to the ASC President.

D. The ASC shall meet whenever a majority of currently enrolled students in the AMSC Program sends a request for a meeting to the ASC President.

E. Meetings of the ASC shall be planned, organized, and run by the ASC President with the help and input from the members of the ASC.

F. Meetings shall be scheduled such that at least four-fifths (4/5) of the ASC membership can be present.

Article VI. Amendments

1. The constitution is binding to all members of the ASC.

2. Amendments to the constitution may be proposed in writing and presented to the ASC President by any currently registered student in the AMSC Program. These amendments shall be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the ASC.

3. Amendments will be proposed to the students of the AMSC Program for ratification following approval of a majority vote of the ASC.

4. Eligible voters will be given at least one (1) week to review proposed amendments before a ratification vote takes place.

5. Proposed amendments will be effective following approval of two-thirds (2/3) –majority vote of all those taking place in the current voting procedure.