

Intro to the A.S. Legal Code

GUIDELINES OF ENGAGEMENT

- As a reminder, these sessions are apart of your honoraria requirements. In order to be credited for this session, you will need to be present for the duration of the session.
- We encourage you to please make the most of this learning opportunity, and participate as much as you are able.
- If you have any questions today, please utilize the raise hand function, and I will call on you. You are also welcome to put your questions in the chat, privately or publicly.
- While engaging in this topic, please do so with respect and sensitivity for one another and for the topic at hand.
- Please take care of yourselves during this session, and take a break if you need it.

QUESTION #1:

How would you rate your understanding of the A.S. Legal Code?

**WHAT IS
LEGAL CODE?**

WHY IS LEGAL CODE IMPORTANT?

- You are a part of an 501c3 non-profit; we are student run and student funded; each one of us has an obligation to prevent the proliferation of student fees.
- The students voted on the constitution, and voted representatives to write legislation on behalf of their issues and interests.
- As members and staff of the Association, we are bound to the policies, by-laws, and directives in the Legal Code.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

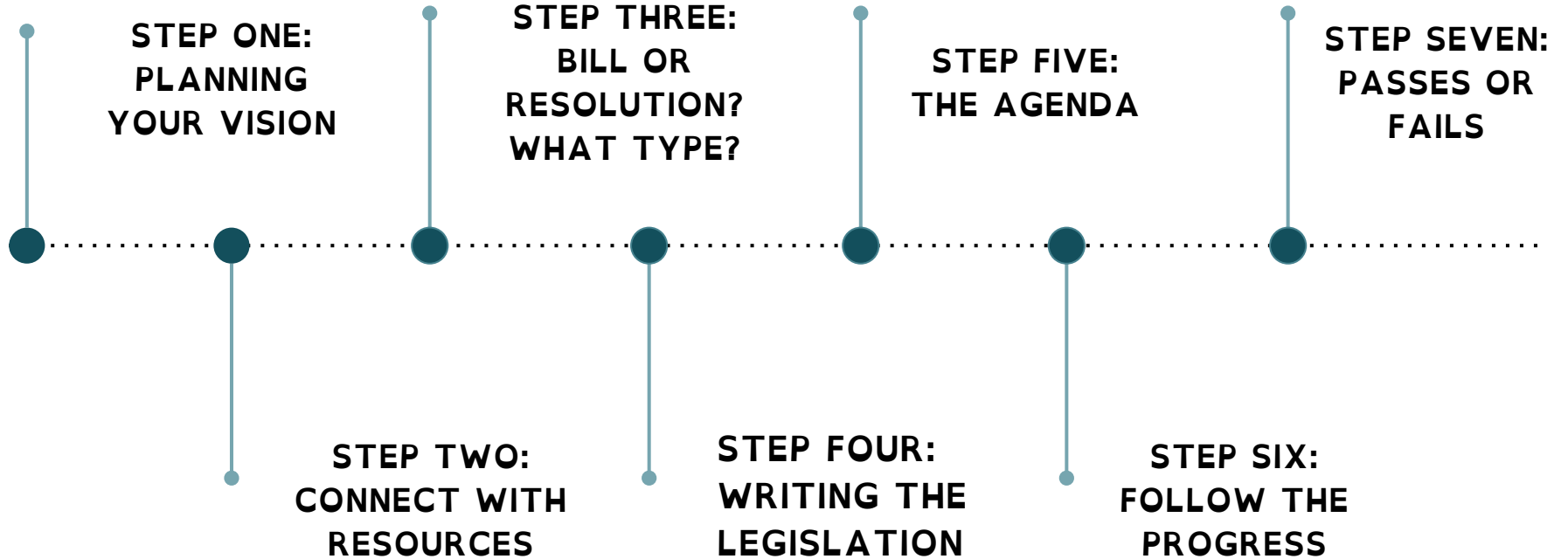
BILL

- Constitutional amendments begin with a bill
- Amends the By-Laws or Standing Policies & Procedures
- Changes last indefinitely

RESOLUTION

- Capable of Association wide change & influence
- Take effect Immediately
- Engages your Campus & Community
- Can provide direction to staff, & each other.
- Either Positional or Directional
- Lasts until the Senate terms ends

THE LIFE OF A BILL OR RESOLUTION



QUESTION #2:

**What are the three sections of the
A.S. Legal Code?**

HOW TO USE LEGAL CODE

- Understand the three different sections--Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Policies and Procedures.
- Understand how to use the Table of Contents for easy searching.
- Understand the precedence of each document

CONSTITUTION

- Ultimate precedence; any contradiction which arises between these documents and the work contained therein shall be decided in favor of the document higher in rank order.
- How does it change? Constitutional Amendment. $\frac{2}{3}$ vote by the senate, and $\frac{2}{3}$ of the student body.
- Key topics: Student Bill of Rights, Precedence of the Constitution, Fees, the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Department, the Executive Director, Elections, Amendments, and changes to the By-Laws.

BY-LAWS

Key topics: The Legal Code, Membership, Officers, Disbursement of AS Funds, Executive Branch (AS Executive Officers, The Executive Offices, President's Cabinet) The Legislative Branch (Senate members duties & trainings, legislative committees) Judicial Branch, the Attorney General, Office of the Controller, CoC, and Boards, Commissions, and Units, AS Assembly, AS Fellowship, Academic Senate and Administrative Advisory Committee, Stipends and Honoraria, AS in Isla Vista Space, and Elections Regulations.

STANDING POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Key topics: Code of Conduct, Meeting & Minute Procedures, Orientation and Transition Processes, the Policies and Procedures of the Pardall Center, Appendix A: Academic Senate Committees; Appendix B: Campus Administrative Advisory Committees

**WHO WRITES LEGAL CODE,
AND HOW CAN IT BE
CHANGED?**

Resources

- Holly Mayes; Assistant Director of Governmental Affairs
- Marisela Marquez; Executive Director of Associated Students
- Internal Vice President, Bee Schaefer
- Internal Affairs Committee; Chair Erika Ramos; Vice Chair Tyler Ferguson
- Attorney General, Tyler Bath

QUESTION #3:

How would you NOW rate your understanding of the A.S. Legal Code?