



# SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## Board of Trustees Policy

### Chapter 5 – Student Services

#### BP 5400 – ASSOCIATED STUDENTS ORGANIZATIONS

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The students of the District are authorized to organize a student body association. The Board of Trustees hereby recognizes those associations as the Associated Students of the District for San Diego City, Mesa, Miramar, and Continuing Education Colleges.

The Associated Students organizations and United Student Council are recognized as the official voice for the students at their respective colleges and the District on all shared governance matters. It may conduct other activities as approved by the District Chancellor. The Associated Students activities shall not conflict with the authority or responsibility of the Board of Trustees or its officers or employees.

The Associated Students shall conduct itself in accordance with state laws and regulations and administrative procedures established by the District Chancellor.

The Associated Students shall be granted the use of District premises subject to such administrative procedures as may be established by the District Chancellor. Such use shall not be construed as transferring ownership or control of the premises.

#### 1. ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT

- a. The Associated Students shall conduct annual elections for officers.
- b. Students qualified to run for election in the credit program must:
  - 1) Be enrolled in at least 5 credit units each semester, including at the time of election; and
  - 2) Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.
- c. Elections shall be in accordance with Administrative Procedure, *AP 5410, Associated Students Elections*.
- d. The Dean of Student Affairs at each college will be responsible for advising the Associated Students Organization, student clubs/organizations, and all elected student officials.

#### 2. STUDENT CLUBS

- a. Students are free to organize and participate in voluntary clubs/organizations of their own choosing, subject to District policies, procedures, along with state and federal laws.
- b. Criteria for club formation, organization, and operation are delineated in Administrative Procedure, *AP 3200, Associated Students Organization and Operating Guidelines for Student Clubs and Organizations*.

### 3. STUDENT TRUSTEE

- a. The Associated Student Body President, elected by the students at each college, will share the responsibility of serving as the student representative on the Board of Trustees on a rotating basis.
- b. Students qualified to serve for appointment as Student Trustee must meet all criteria required for election in accordance with 1.b of this policy.

### 4. UNITED STUDENT COUNCIL

- a. The United Student Council (USC) is a districtwide, shared governance council of student leaders which serves as the collective voice for students within the District on matters pertaining to students.
- b. The United Student Council shall meet monthly.
- c. Voting members of the United Student Council shall include:
  - 1) The sitting Student Trustee;
  - 2) The Associated Student Presidents from each college; and
  - 3) One other representative from each college
- d. The Vice Chancellor or designee shall advise the Student Trustees on all districtwide protocols, procedures, operations and legislative matters.

Also see Board Policy 2015, *Student Member(s)*, Board Policy 2105, *Elections of Student Member(s)*, Board Policy 5410, *Associated Students Elections*, and Board Policy 5420, *Associated Students Finance*.

Reference: Education Code Section 76060

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