



Kern Community College District
Administrative Procedure
Chapter 5 – Student Services

AP 5400 Associated Students Organization

References:

Education Code Section 76060

The students of each college of the District are authorized to organize a student body association. The Board of Trustees hereby recognizes those association(s) as the Student Government Association of Bakersfield College, Student Government of Cerro Coso, and Associated Students of Porterville College.

The student body associations are recognized as the official voice for the students in District decision-making processes representing their respective colleges. They may conduct other activities as approved by the Chancellor or designee. The student body association activities shall not conflict with the authority or responsibility of the Board, its officers, or employees. Both day and evening student representatives shall be encouraged.

The student body associations shall conduct themselves in accordance with state laws, regulations, and administrative procedures established by the Chancellor or designee. A governing body shall be elected that shall keep an account of its meetings, expenditures, authorizations, and policies established.

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

A simple majority of the elected voting members of the student body association's respective governing body shall constitute a quorum.

The student body association of the colleges are recognized as advisory bodies to the Board of Trustees and are subject to the control and regulation of the Board of Trustees. Advisors to the student body associations shall be selected on each campus in accordance with criteria and procedures established by each campus.

Each college shall establish procedures to ensure students have the opportunity to express their opinions, to ensure that these opinions are given every reasonable consideration and have the right to participate effectively in District and college governance. The student body associations may engage in any activities, including fundraising activities, which have been approved by the College President or designee. Hazing activities are strictly prohibited, and

may not be practiced by any organization or its members.

Student Clubs and Organizations

Student clubs and organizations will be organized in conformity with procedures established by each college. Student clubs and organizations will be supervised by an advisor and shall establish aims which are educational and compatible with college and/or community interest. Exploitation of the name of the college or District shall not be permitted. Secret fraternities, sororities, or clubs are strictly prohibited.

Student Political Club Activity

Any student political club which is affiliated with the official youth division of any political party that is on the ballot of the State of California may hold meetings on a community college campus and may distribute bulletins and circulars concerning its meetings, provided that there is no endorsement of such organization by college authorities and no interference with the regular education program of the college.

Student Events

Classes, clubs, or organizations sponsored by the college shall not organize or host parties, picnics, or dances off the campus except with specific permission from the College President or designee. Insofar as possible, all student activities shall be held on the college campus.