

## AP 5400 Associated Student Organization and Student Clubs and Organizations

## Reference:

**Education Code Section 76060** 

Antelope Valley College shall have one Associated Student Organization (ASO), which shall be the official voice of the students in the <u>D</u>district.

The ASO officers shall be elected by a majority of the students voting in an election. ASO shall keep an account of its meetings, expenditures, authorizations, and policies established. A simple majority of the elected voting members of the ASO governing body shall constitute a quorum.

Antelope Valley College supports and promotes the formation of student clubs and organizations. Student clubs and organizations will afford students the opportunity to engage in the intellectual and social environment of the College. Student clubs and organizations are to conduct student activities that are not in conflict with the authority and responsibility of the College on behalf of the students enrolled at AVC.

Antelope Valley College shall approve student clubs and organizations, which promote the opportunity of association among students within the intellectual environment of the College.

Associated Student Organization (ASO) and student clubs and organizations operating in the name of the College, using the name of the College, or using the facilities of the College, must be chartered and recognized by the College under the following conditions:

- 1. The constitution must be approved by members of the organization, the College administration and the Board of Trustees.
- A chartered student club and organization shall have a faculty or administration appointed advisor.
- 3. Membership in a chartered student club or organization shall comply with BP/AP 3410 Nondiscrimination. not discriminate on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, or sexual orientation. Memberships in some chartered student clubs and organizations can be limited by interest, degree program admissions, and grade point average.
- 4. Membership in chartered student clubs and organizations shall consist exclusively of students currently enrolled. A majority of meetings shall be held on the College premises during the regular school day, have a democratic plan for the selection of members and officers, and establish aims and objectives which promote



- educational College and community interests.
- 5. A student club or organization which, in its constitution or method of operation, vests control of its policies in an off-campus organization shall not be recognized as an official College organization and shall not be allowed to use the name or facilities of Antelope Valley College.
- 6. No hazing activities as defined by Education Code Sec. Section 32050 may be practiced by any club, organization or its members.
- 7. Student clubs and organizations that choose to use the name of, or affiliate with, a regional or national organization must receive prior written permission.
- 8. Religious clubs may not use the campus for any proselytizing, religious indoctrination or conducting worshipful services. In general, campus religious clubs should complement, not substitute for, off-campus churches.

The Associated Student Organization and chartered student clubs and organizations shall be responsible for the following:

- Chartered student clubs and organizations shall submit a list of current officers, members and advisors each semester along with the approved constitution to the Student Development and College Activities Office.
- 2. The faculty advisor, selected by the club membership and approved by the College President, shall attend all official meetings.
- 3. All receipts and expenditures shall be handled in accordance with the Board Policy and Administrative Procedure BP/AP 5420 Associated Student Organization Finance subject to the accounting of the Student Development and College Activities office.
- 4. The Student Development and College Activities Office shall approve all programs and activities, both on and off campus, for the ASO and all chartered student clubs and organizations. On campus facilities requests must be submitted at least three (3) weeks prior to any scheduled event and signed by the advisor. (Clearance is necessary to prevent calendar conflicts, assure proper sponsorship, necessary transportation if required and custodial services if necessary.) A record must be kept for those activities that qualify for average daily attendance.
- 5. All programs and speakers must have the advance approval of the College administration and the Visiting Speakers form must be completed and on file with the Student Development and College Activities Office.
- 6. All student clubs and organizations shall keep detailed minutes of official meetings. Minutes will be filed with the Student Development and College Activities Office. Other distribution of minutes shall be made at the discretion of the advisor.
- 7. Chartered student clubs and organizations may be granted the use of College premises and property without charge, subject to rules and regulations approved by the Board of Trustees and as implemented by the administration.
- Associated Student Organization and chartered student clubs and organizations shall conduct fund raising activities provided that they follow the procedures for student fundraising.



## Political Clubs (Education Code Section 76067)

Any political student club or organization 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 the College campus and may distribute bulletins and circulars concerning its meetings, providing there is no endorsement of such organization by College authorities and no interference with the regular education program of Antelope Valley College. Only one student political club or organization for each political party on the California State ballot shall be permitted. As with all student clubs and organizations, student political clubs and organizations are under the control of the College, not of an outside organization, and must act in accordance with the College regulations governing other student clubs and organizations.

Also see BP/AP 2510 Participation in Local Decision-Making, BP 5400 Associated Student Organization, BP/AP 5410 Associated Student Organization Elections, and BP/AP 5420 Associated Student Organization Finance.

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