

BP 3400 ASSOCIATED STUDENTS ORGANIZATION**References:**

Education Code Sections 76060

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of allowing students to expand their college learning experiences by actively participating in the democratic process of student government. Therefore, the Board of Trustees recognizes the following three (3) College Associated Students Organizations: The Associated Students of Moreno Valley College (ASMVC), The Associated Students of Norco College (ASNC), and Associated Students of Riverside City College (ASRCC).

Charter of Student Government:

“In recognition of the true democratic ideals of government of, by, and for the people through due process of representation, the Board of Trustees of Riverside Community College District does hereby grant this Charter bestowing upon the student government of each College of the District the privileges, duties, and responsibilities of self-government. This government shall be represented and administered as specifically set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws each College has created and, which have been approved by each College’s student government association. The Board of Trustees of Riverside Community College District holds the President of each College entirely accountable for the effective functioning of the student government. Each College Associated Students Organization shall conduct itself in accordance with state laws and regulations and District policies and procedures. Should an action by a College Associated Students Organization fail at any time to fulfill its trust as a self-governing unit, the President may exercise the power to veto. The Board of Trustees retains its right to revoke this Charter, provided such recommendation comes from the College President and is prompted by reason of misuse or neglect of said Charter. This Charter supersedes any and all other Charters previously granted.”

These Associated Students Organizations are recognized as the official voice for the students in the District and college decision-making processes. They may conduct other activities as approved by the Chancellor or President(s). 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 federal and state laws and regulations, board policies, and the administrative procedures established by the Chancellor.

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

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Each College in the District shall have an Associated Students Organization.

Both day and evening student representatives shall be encouraged to participate.

A governing body shall be elected that shall keep an account of its meetings, expenditures, authorizations, and policies established.

A simple majority of the elected voting members of each of the College's Associated Students Organizations' governing body shall constitute a quorum.

Authorization

In accordance with the Charter granted to the Associated Students Organizations (ASMVC, ASNC, ASRCC) by the Board of Trustees of Riverside Community College District, the applicable College President will have responsibility for the effective functioning of the Associated Students' Government and their related organizations. The College Presidents may exercise the power of veto on actions taken by the Associated Students.

In addition, the Board of Trustees retains the right to revoke the Charters granted to the Associated Students Organizations for reasons of misuse of funds, improper conduct or neglect of said Charter.

Collecting and Dispensing Funds

The three (3) College Associated Students Organizations will be authorized to collect and dispense funds within the guidelines set forth in the Education Code and the policies of the Board of Trustees. An annual audit will be conducted by Accounting Services and all audit reports will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for acceptance. Subsequently, these reports will become part of the public record.

Chartering of Student Organization/Club

A. Membership

An organization/club in which active membership is limited to enrolled RCCD students and has an advisor who is a current full-time member of the teaching staff of the college may become a chartered student organization/club by complying with the chartering policies set forth in the three (3) College Associated Students Organizations' Constitution/ By-Laws through the authorization vested in them by the Board of Trustees. Campus organizations/clubs will be open to all enrolled students who have paid their Student Services Fee.

B. Compliance

Student organizations/clubs are required to comply with the chartering policies of the Associated Students, Board of Trustees and the Education Code and are subject to revocation of their charter or other discipline for violation of such policies or regulations.

C. Use of College Name

1. Student organizations/clubs shall not use the name of the District/College or any abbreviation thereof, as part of its name, except upon the authorization of the District/College CSSO, or his/her designee.
2. Chartered organizations/clubs may state that their membership is composed of enrolled students of RCCD, but shall not imply that they are acting on behalf of RCCD or with its approval or sponsorship.

D. Use of District/College Facilities/Posting and Distribution of Literature

Each College will follow Board Policies and Administrative Procedures 3550 Speech: Time, Place and Manner, for information on posting and distribution of literature and 5700 Use of Facilities for information on the issue of permitting chartered organizations to use District/College facilities for meetings.

E. Advocacy

Chartered student organizations/clubs, and individual students may take positions on issues if they make clear in doing so that they are not representing the view of the college, the student government, or the

students as a whole.

F. Organizational Fund Raising

College procedures shall permit fund raising by chartered student organizations/clubs on their respective College campuses, when approved by the applicable College CSSO, or designee. Board administrative procedures prohibit fund raising or appeals for funds on or off campus by students or others unless expressly authorized.

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