Student Organizations

Reference:  Education Code Sections 76060-76067

Student Senate

The students of the District are authorized to establish a student body association. The Board hereby recognizes the Student Senate as the student body association of the District. Day and evening students as well as off-campus students shall be encouraged to participate.

The Student Senate will conduct an annual District election of officers. The officers will oversee the meetings, expenditures, authorizations, and policies established. A simple majority of the elected voting members of the Student Senate officers shall constitute a quorum.

The Student Senate shall have student representative positions for each Division and if possible for each Campus within the District. Students interested in being a representative will fill out an application of interest. Representative applications will be available during regular office hours in the Student Senate office. At the close of the application period all eligible applicants will undergo a review process conducted by the elected Student Senate officers. Appointments will be announced at the next regularly scheduled Student Senate meeting. The following should take place:

1. The Student Senate shall conduct weekly meetings and post agendas for each meeting seventy-two hours in advance of the meeting in a designated area accessible to all students. Meetings will be conducted in compliance with the Ralph Brown Act.

2. A District academic employee (usually the Dean of Students and/or the Student Senate faculty advisor) must be present at all official Student Senate meetings at which time motions are made, action is taken and minutes are prepared.

3. All financial/monetary transactions in which funds are deposited or disbursed must be processed through the District Business Office.

Student Activities

1. All student activities and events must have required documents on file for Use of Facilities with Administrative Services Office.

2. The Dean of Students must be notified in writing of the time, place, and nature of a proposed student activity at least five days prior to the date of the event. The Dean of Students will have the authority to approve or disapprove all student activities.

3. All student activities must have adequate faculty or administrative supervision as determined by the Dean of Students.

4. Security supervision of student activities may be required by the Dean of Students for athletic events, dances, concerts and other activities in which large numbers of people are likely to congregate. The organization or club sponsoring the event will ordinarily bear the cost of security supervision.
Clubs

Any five Shasta College students plus a faculty advisor may form an interest or service club within the District provided the following process is adhered to:

1. Petition the Student Senate for approval.
2. Submit a club application packet to the Student Senate for approval.
3. All financial/monetary transactions in which funds are deposited or disbursed must be processed through the District Business Office.
4. Have a college academic employee present at all official club meetings at which time motions are made, action is taken and minutes are prepared.

Any club that has been inactive for two consecutive semesters shall be deemed null and void and all monies shall become the property of the general fund of the Student Senate.

When certification or decertification of a club is disputed, the question shall be determined by the following appeal procedure:

1. The appeal is taken to the Student Senate.
2. The Student Senate will make a recommendation to the Dean of Students regarding the certification or decertification of the club in question. The Dean of Students will then make a recommendation to the Vice President of Student Services.
3. The Vice President of Student Services has the authority to affirm or deny the certification or decertification of the club.

Other Student Organizations

Other student organizations (such as Phi Theta Kappa, Shasta College Beta Mu Mu Chapter), shall be extended the same rights and privileges as student clubs and will be officially recognized by the District. These organizations will adhere to all state laws and regulations and District policies and procedures.

Other student organizations can be recognized by the District provided the following process is adhered to:

1) Petition the Student Senate for approval.
2) Submit an application packet to the Student Senate for approval.
3) All financial/monetary transactions in which funds are deposited or disbursed must be processed through the District Business Office.
4) Have a college academic advisor present at all official club meetings at which time motions are made, action is taken and minutes are prepared.

Any student organization that has been inactive for two consecutive semesters shall be deemed null and void and all monies shall become the property of the general fund of the Student Senate or the appropriate state, national, or international organization.

When certification or decertification of a student organization is disputed, the question shall be determined by the following appeal procedure:

1. The appeal is taken to the Student Senate.

2. The Student Senate will make a recommendation to the Dean of Students regarding the certification or decertification of the student organization in question. The Dean of Students will then make a recommendation to the Vice President of Student Services.

3. The Vice President of Student Services has the authority to affirm or deny the certification or decertification of the student organization.

No student organization may organize or operate with the intent to participate in hazing or commit any act that injures, degrades or disgraces any fellow student or person.

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