

ARTICLE 4400 STUDENT CONDUCT, ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS
AR 4420 Enrollment and Scholarship Standards for Participation in Santa Monica College Student Government

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1. Determination of Eligibility for Candidacy:

The Student Government Administrator or designee shall determine eligibility of all student government leaders in accordance with this Administrative Regulation, and shall serve as the advisor to all governing bodies. All candidates for Associated Students officer must have a minimum semester GPA of 2.0 in the fall semester immediately preceding the semester in which they are elected, and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all work completed at Santa Monica College. All candidates for Associated Students officer must be in good standing (no current disciplinary sanction pursuant to SMC Board Policy 4420).

- a. Candidates for Associated Students President and Vice President must have completed a minimum of twenty units at Santa Monica College. They must have completed a minimum of eight of those units in the fall semester immediately preceding the semester in which they are elected.

In addition, candidates must meet one of the following criteria:

- i. They must serve as an Associated Students Director, Inter-Club Council Officer, Student Trustee, or Associated Students Commissioner in the semester in which they are elected; or
 - ii. They must serve as an active delegate of the Inter-Club Council or a club officer in any semester prior to the semester in which they are elected.
- b. Candidates for Associated Students Board of Directors in the student government of Santa Monica College must be enrolled in Santa Monica College at the time of election, and throughout his or her term, with a minimum of eight semester units.
 - c. Candidates for Student Trustee in the student government of Santa Monica College shall be enrolled in Santa Monica College at the time of election and throughout his or her term with a minimum of five semester units. Per California Education Code (Section 66016.3), only students exempted from nonresident tuition may serve as student trustee.

2. Maintaining Eligibility

- a. Elected or appointed Associated Students Board Directors who fail to complete each semester during their term with a minimum of eight units with a 2.0 GPA will be automatically removed from office, and will be ineligible for appointment to any Judicial Board, Joint Council, and Inter-Club Council position for the remainder of the original term of office.
 - i. If a student is enrolled in six units of Pass/No Pass courses, the cumulative grade point average will apply for determination of eligibility.
 - ii. The term of office, defined in the Associated Students Constitution, is July 1 to June 30.
- b. If the Student Trustee fails to complete each semester with a minimum of five units with a 2.0 GPA, he/she will be automatically removed from office, and will be ineligible for appointment to any Associated Students positions (e.g., Judicial Board, Joint Council, primary commissioner, ICC) during the remainder of the term of office.
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3. Office Terms and Limitations for Elected Positions

- a. The Associated Students Board of Directors, the Inter-Club Council Chairperson /Vice Chairperson, and the Inter-Club Communication Officer shall hold no more than one elected or appointed office during their one (1) year term from July 1 to June 30.
 - i. No person shall serve in any one office of the Board of Directors positions for more than one (1) academic year term, nor shall any person serve on the Board of Directors for more than two (2) academic year terms total.
 - ii. No person shall serve in any combination of elected or appointed student government positions for more than (3) academic year terms.
- b. The Student Trustee shall hold office from June 1 to May 31. The Student Trustee shall serve for no more than one term.

4. Vacant Positions

- a. The Associated Students shall establish policies and procedures for filling vacant positions.
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- c. Directors who are appointed to the Board of Directors must meet the same eligibility standards as elected officers.

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- a. Associated Students Commissioners:
To be eligible for appointment and to hold office, Commissioners to Associated Students Directors must be enrolled in and complete a minimum of six units with a 2.0 GPA each semester that they serve, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all work completed at Santa Monica College at the time of appointment and throughout the term of service.
- b. Student Representatives to Campus Committees:
Students serve on campus committees in accord with Board Policy 2230 on Participatory Governance. They must be enrolled in and complete a minimum of six units with a 2.0 GPA each semester that they serve, and must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all work completed at Santa Monica College.
- c. Student Club Officers:
Officers of student clubs must be enrolled in and complete a minimum of six units each semester with a minimum GPA of 2.0, and must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all work completed at Santa Monica College.
 - i. Officers of student clubs may serve in the same office for a maximum of one year.
 - ii. Students may serve as officers of a club or clubs for a maximum of three years.

6. Students with Disabilities:

Any unit requirement in this Administrative Regulation may be reduced to not less than five units by the student making a request to the Coordinator, Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSPS), or designee, in accordance with AR 4353.1 and obtaining approval for such request.

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