



Associated Student Government

Candidate Packet 2025 General Election



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in running for office to serve in an Executive Role on the Associated Student Government of MiraCosta College (ASG) for the 2025-2026 academic year. Now that you have been cleared for minimum qualifications, it is time to receive an orientation about how the elections work and review campaigning policies. During this orientation, you will be able to ask questions about ASG and elections to gain clarity regarding the campaigning process.

Your orientation will cover material in the ASG Constitution, MiraCosta Community College District Policies and Procedures, and California Education Code. The material within this candidate packet is organized as follows:

- PART I: 2025 ASG Election Calendar and other important dates
- PART II: Review of ASG Constitution & Bylaws
- PART III: Review of California Education Code and MCCCCD BP/AP
- PART IV: Special Instructions
- PART V: Candidate Q&A

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The Associated Student Government of MiraCosta College looks forward to meeting you and wishes you the best of luck in your pursuit of office in the ASG.

PART I: 2025 ASG ELECTION CALENDAR

Item	Date	Time	Location
Election Commission Meeting	Friday, February 21	TBD	TBD
ASG may begin promoting elections.	Friday, February 28	ongoing	Social Media; On Campus
Application Period Opens	Friday, February 28	8:00 A.M.	Engage
Application Period Ends (elected roles only; appointment open until filled)	Sunday, March 23	11:59 P.M.	Engage
Verification of Applicant Eligibility for the Candidate Orientation	Monday, March 24 - Tuesday, March 25 (3/17-22 Spring Break: Campus Closed 3/20-21)		
Deadline to Appeal Ineligibility	Friday, March 28	11:59 P.M.	
Election Commission: Candidate Orientation A, B, C, D***	Monday, March 31 – Tuesday, April 4	See below or by appointment.	Zoom
Candidate Orientation Meeting A	Monday, March 31	11:00am -12:00pm	Zoom
Candidate Orientation Meeting B	Monday, March 31	3:00pm - 4:00 p.m.	Zoom
Candidate Orientation Meeting C	Wednesday, April 2	10:00am-11:00am	Zoom
Candidate Orientation Meeting D	Thursday, April 3	11:00am -12:00pm	Zoom
Election Commission: Verification of Candidate Eligibility to Campaign	Wednesday, April 4	Close of Business Day	Email
Campaigning Period	Monday, April 7 – Wednesday, April 23	AFTER eligibility is confirmed via email	Social Media; On Campus
Candidate Forum (OCN)****	Wednesday, April 9	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Oceanside (OCN Aztlan B); hybrid
Candidate Forum (SAN)****	Thursday, April 10	10:00am – 11:00am	San Elijo (SAN1131); hybrid
Candidate Forum (CLC)****	Monday, April 14	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Community Learning

			Center (CLC 127); hybrid
Polls Open (by the last week of April)	Monday, April 21	8:00 A.M.	Engage
Last Day of Campaigning	Wednesday, April 23	11:59 A.M.	Social Media; On Campus
Polls Close	Wednesday, April 23	11:59 P.M.	Engage
Election Commission: Vote Count	Wednesday, April 23	12:01 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.	Zoom
Announcement of Votes	Thursday, April 24	9:00 A.M.	
Last Day for Appeals	Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m. (24 hours after results are posted)	Via email - TBD
Appeals Decision Announced	Monday, April 28		
Results published on the ASG Website within 4 days of the vote count	Monday, April 28 or Tuesday, April 29		
Assume Office	Tuesday, June 1		
First ASG Special Meeting and Training	Friday, June 6	TBD	In-person at OCN, SAN or CLC
Second ASG Special Meeting	Friday, June 27	TBD	In-person at OCN, SAN or CLC
Third ASG Special Meeting	Friday, July 11	TBD	In-person at OCN, SAN or CLC
ASG Fall Retreat	Friday, August 8	TBD	TBD
ASG Spring Retreat	Tuesday, January 13, 2026	TBD	TBD

* Visit www.miracosta.edu/engage to apply online.

** The Candidate Orientation is MANDATORY. Eligible candidates must attend a candidate orientation meeting with the ASG Advisor before they are cleared to begin campaigning. If you are unable to attend one of the orientations listed, you may email an ASG Advisor to set up an individual candidate orientation by appointment.

***Eligible candidates are welcome to schedule their orientations on alternate dates/times if advisor availability permits.

****Candidate Forum is MANDATORY. Eligible candidates must attend one (1) forum in person to answer questions, preapproved by the Election Commission, that will be provided in advance. If you are unable to attend one (1) of the sessions in person, please contact the ASG Advisors as soon as possible to discuss your specific circumstances.

PART II: Review of ASG Constitution & Bylaws

(Excerpts from the [ASG Constitution and Bylaws](#))

PREAMBLE, p. 1

We, the students of MiraCosta College (MCC), in order to establish an effective student government to represent students' interests, practice the democratic process, promote personal and civic growth, and to recognize the inherent rights and responsibilities of self-government, do hereby establish this Constitution of the Associated Student Government of MiraCosta College as provided for by the State Legislature through the California Education Code and Title 5 of California's State Code, and as delegated by the Board of Trustees of the MiraCosta Community College District.

ARTICLE III. Membership & Eligibility, p. 2

SECTION A. Members

All currently enrolled students at MCC shall be members of the ASG and shall be subject to this ASG Constitution, ASG Bylaws, and Code of Ethics.

1. Privileges:
 - a. The right to seek and hold office if all other qualifications are met as set forth in this document, and in the ASG Election Bylaws.
 - b. The right to vote in all elections held under the authority of the ASG.
 - c. The right to seek an appointment from the ASG Senate to serve on Shared Governance, Standing, and Ad Hoc Committees.
 - d. Additional rights and privileges are determined by the ASG Senate.

SECTION B. Senator and Executive Eligibility, p. 2

Senators and Executives compose ASG Senate positions.

Elected officer eligibility requirements ([Ed Code, Article 4. 76061](#)): Must be enrolled in the community college at the time of election, and throughout the student's term, and meet any of the following requirements:

- a. Must be enrolled in the community college at the time of election, and throughout the student's term, and meet any of the following requirements:
 - i. (1) minimum of five semester units, or the equivalent quarter units.
 - ii. (2) and meet and maintain the minimum standards of scholarship prescribed for community college students by the community college district. Minimum standards include:
 1. a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative and term G.P.A. and
 2. be cleared of student conduct restrictions
- b. or be enrolled in an adult education program offered by a community college district (Ed Code, Article 9, 84900)
- c. or is a disabled student, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 84850.
 - i. "(b) As used in this section, "disabled students" are persons with exceptional needs who have applied to or enrolled at a community college who, because of a verified disability, cannot fully benefit from classes, activities, and services regularly provided by the college without specific additional specialized services or educational programs."
- d. All appointed executives and senators must meet the same requirements for elected officers.

ARTICLE V. Operations, p. 10

SECTION D. Ineligibility and Disqualification, p. 11

A student may only serve in one office in the ASG concurrently. If at any time, before election, appointment, or during term in office, an executive fails to meet any of the eligibility requirements and/or responsibilities set forth in this ASG Constitution, they will be disqualified from holding office in the ASG.

Advisors verify eligibility upon appointment/election, periodically during the term, and may verify in response to information indicating an eligibility concern. If any ASG member becomes ineligible (e.g. not meeting required units, GPA, etc.), advisors will notify the president (or presiding member), who will oversee succession as outlined in Article V, Section B. (Succession).

ARTICLE VI. Elections, p. 13

SECTION A. General Elections, p. 13

The ASG shall hold a general election for all elected positions, changes to the ASGMCC Constitution, and referendum questions by the last week of April each year. Election procedures will be outlined in Bylaw VI of the ASG Constitution.

SECTION B. Term Duration and Limits, p. 13

The full term of office for all Senate members shall begin no sooner than the conclusion of commencement and on the date he/she is sworn in and shall end at the conclusion of the following year's commencement.

1. The maximum amount of time an ASG Student Senate Executive or Senator may spend in the ASG will be no more than three (3) full terms in any collective executive or senator capacity.
 - a. An Executive shall serve no more than one (1) full term in any given Executive position. In the event of a vacant Executive position, an individual may appeal to the ASG Student Senate, to serve a second term in the same position as held previously.
 - b. There shall be no term limits on Students-at-Large.

ARTICLE BYLAWS VI: Elections, p. 32

Section A: General Statements for the ASG MCC Elections, p. 32

1. Candidates may run for only one position on the ballot for one election period.
2. All successful candidates will assume office no later than June 1 of the current year.
3. Pursuant to MCCCCD Administrative Procedure 2105, special elections shall be held as needed, upon the vacancy of the Student Trustee position.

Section B: Election Commission, p. 32

The Student Senate shall establish an Election Commission with the responsibility of carrying out the duties required by the ASG Constitution and Election Bylaws. The Election Commission must be identified, organized, and composed of members as determined by this code.

1. Membership
 - a. The Election Commission shall consist of at least three (3) currently enrolled MiraCosta College students. In addition, one ex-officio member from the ASG Public Relations Committee may be appointed to the Commission by the Student Senate. Composition of the Commission should reflect a broad selection of the student population. Members of the Student Senate are ineligible to serve on the Election Commission, with the exception of the ex-officio appointment. All student members must be in good standing with the college. Members of the Election Commission shall be referred to as commissioners. The ASG Advisor shall also be the Election Commission Advisor.

- b. Election Commission membership shall be approved by a majority vote of the Student Senate.
- c. The Election Commission shall appoint one member to be the commission chair and one member to be the vice chair.
- d. The chair shall conduct meetings of the Election Commission, facilitate communication between the Election Commission and the ASG advisor, and be responsible for other duties as assigned by the Student Senate. The vice chair shall fulfill the duties of the chair in their absence.
- e. Commissioners shall plan, coordinate and execute the decisions and duties of the Election Commission.
- f. The ex-officio member from the ASG Public Relations Committee shall plan, coordinate and execute the publicity needs of the Election Commission. Resources of the ASG Public Relations Committee shall be made available to the Election Commission.
- g. The Election Commission should be identified a minimum of two (2) months prior to the first day of voting.
- h. Election Commission members shall submit to the ASG Advisor a contact sheet with name, contact information and sign a statement that he/she shall not engage in any campaign activities for candidates running in the election.

2. General Duties

- a. It is the responsibility of the Election Commission to enforce this code.
- b. The Election Commission or the ASG Advisor shall determine the dates, times and electronic method for students to vote.
- c. The Election Commission or the ASG Advisor shall publicly announce election dates, times, and locations a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the first day of voting.
- d. The Election Commission or the ASG Advisor shall establish the dates, times and locations of all Candidate Orientation meetings and include this information in the Candidate Packet.
 - i. Information about the Candidate Packets will be publicized at least two (2) weeks before they are released.
- e. The Election Commission or the ASG Advisor shall prepare and distribute the candidate application and orientation packet entitled, Candidate Packet at least one month prior to the established election dates.
- f. The Election Commission or the ASG Advisor shall post candidate biographies and pictures, if received, prior to the first day of voting.
- g. The Election Commission may host a candidates forum prior to an election.
- h. All Election Commission materials, publicity and information generated for public distribution shall be done equitably at all three (3) campuses of MiraCosta College.
- i. The Election Commission or the ASG Advisor shall arrange for staffing support of the electronic election. Poll staff may not be candidates or members of a campaign staff and will be required to sign an ASG document swearing that this is the case.
- j. The Election Commission shall be responsible for making decisions with regard to election questions and concerns not otherwise addressed by this code.

Section C: Candidate Eligibility

To become an eligible candidate for office, applicants must meet the minimum requirements to hold office as stated in the ASG Constitution and the California Education Code.

1. Application Process

- a. Applicants must complete and submit a candidate application.
- b. The ASG Advisor shall process all applications then forward them to the Election Commission for review.

Section D: Applicant Due Process

Applicants who do not meet all the minimum requirements to hold office as stated in the ASG Constitution and the California Education Code are ineligible to run for office, and may appeal in the following manner:

1. Applicant shall have two (2) business days after receipt of official notification of ineligibility to appeal the decision.
2. If ineligibility corresponds to Article V, Section II, Clause I, III or IV; applicant may file an appeal with the Dean of Counseling and Student Development.
3. If ineligibility corresponds to Article V, Section II, Clause II; applicant may appeal to the Student Senate.

Section E: Candidate Orientation

The Election Commission will give each candidate an orientation on the details of running for elected office and will do so according to the following guidelines:

1. All candidates will be required to attend at least one Candidate Orientation meeting prior to campaigning (Flint v. Price, et al., No. 05-35441, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2007).
 - a. At least one Candidate Orientation will be held live at each campus of MiraCosta College.
2. These meetings will be conducted by the ASG Advisor who will review the information in the Candidate Packet and other information specific to the current election.
3. All candidates must sign and return the Election Bylaws Acknowledgment Statement to the ASG Advisor before campaigning may commence.
4. Should any otherwise qualified candidate fail to attend a Candidate Orientation meeting, he or she is still required to receive an orientation from the ASG Advisor before engaging in any kind of publicity or campaigning.
5. All candidates are responsible for knowing and adhering to the provisions of the ASG Constitution, the ASG Election Bylaws, Standards of Student Conduct (MCCCD BP 5500 and AP 5500), Student Conduct Discipline Procedures (MCCCD AP 5520), Students Rights and Grievances (MCCCD AP 5530).
6. Lack of knowledge as to the content of these documents is not a defense against Election Commission enforcement of the ASG Elections Bylaws.

Section F: Campaigning

The ASG election process is considered to be a limited public forum; therefore, candidates shall comply with campaigning guidelines outlined in this code (Flint v. Price, et al., No. 05-35441, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2007).

1. Campaigning must be free of elements that interfere with the education process, endanger persons, or damage property on campus; campaigning must comply with the Standards of Student Conduct (MCCCD BP 5500 and AP 5500). Campaigning involving tabling, gatherings, meetings, rallies, and/or special stunts shall require prior approval from the ASG Advisor. Candidates shall submit an Activity Request for such an activity seven (7) days prior to the event.
 - a. Misuse of district property or equipment may result in sanctions by the Elections Commission, including but not limited to disqualification of candidacy.
2. The use of supplies and electronic equipment purchased or paid for by the ASG is strictly prohibited with the exception of the following:
 - a. Each candidate may email one (1) graphic/ image/ design for a poster that they want to be printed and laminated by Student Life & Leadership. Student Life & Leadership will not alter the design in any way. They will only print and laminate up to six (6) posters per eligible candidate. The posters are 36" x 24" and can be printed horizontally or vertically.
 - b. Each candidate may email one (1) graphic/ image/ design for a flyer that they want to be printed by Student Life & Leadership. Student Life & Leadership will not alter the design in any way. They will only print up to fifty (50) flyers per eligible candidate.

3. Limited use of MCCCCD property and equipment is permissible including, tables, chairs, sound equipment and space.
 - a. Candidates must submit an Activity Request within seven (7) business days of the event.
4. The use of the ASG and MCCCCD logos is strictly prohibited.
5. All election materials for posting and distribution must conform to the Standards of Student Conduct (MCCCCD BP 5500 and AP 5500) and meet the following standards:
 - a. Be neat in appearance,
 - b. Be removed if they become weather worn,
 - c. Be maintained by candidates.
6. All forms of campaigning are prohibited within 50 feet of all polling places.
7. Candidates are responsible for the removal and disposal of all election materials after the election and may be billed for related cleanup costs if incurred by the District.

Section G: Ballot

The ASG Advisor shall prepare electronic ballots with candidates' names appearing in randomly chosen sequence and shall exclude the use of titles including "Incumbent."

Section H: Voting

Voting in the general election shall be conducted in the following manner:

1. Every currently enrolled MiraCosta College student is entitled to one ballot and one vote.
2. No student, or non-student, can vote in place of a currently enrolled student.
3. Proxy voting is prohibited.
4. The ASG Advisor shall order an alpha list of all currently enrolled MiraCosta College students prior to the first day of voting. The alpha list shall be titled "Voter's Register".
5. Voting shall be conducted by electronic ballot. This may be changed to hard-copy ballots by a majority vote of the Election Commission.
6. If the election is conducted using electronic ballots, the Election Commission shall prepare voting material and obtain voting booths according to the following procedure:
 - a. Students shall input electronically or manually provide identification information using Surf Registration credentials.
 - b. Voters shall mark their ballots according to directions and submit their vote by clicking the "Cast My Vote" button.
7. If the election is conducted using hard-copy ballots, the Election Commission shall be responsible for obtaining voting booths. Voting shall be administered according to the following procedure:
 - a. Voter shall produce one of the following forms of valid picture identification in order to authenticate their identity:
 - i. Current MiraCosta College Student ID;
 - ii. Valid driver's license containing a photograph;
 - iii. Temporary California driver's license containing a photograph;
 - iv. Valid state issued identification card containing a photograph;
 - v. Valid United States Military I.D. card (active duty or dependent);
 - vi. Valid driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority;
 - vii. Valid driver's license issued by the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico or Virgin Islands;
 - viii. Valid U.S. passport; a valid foreign passport;
 - ix. Valid alien registration card (Green Card);
 - x. California Department of Corrections Privilege card [CDC 130-A(7-88)];
 - xi. Matricula Consular.
 - b. The above-mentioned forms of identification are based on the standard used for the issuance of student identification cards at MiraCosta College.
 - c. Voters shall sign the Voter's Register to attest to their identity and obtain a ballot.

- d. Voters shall mark ballots according to directions and deposit ballots into the designated ballot box.
- 8. The following statement must be endorsed prior to casting a ballot: "I attest that I am a currently enrolled MiraCosta College student, that this vote is cast of my own free will and is not a proxy vote, that I am voting only once and not for another student, and I understand that willful abuse of the election process may result in disciplinary action by an appropriate college authority as per the Standards of Student Conduct (MCCCD BP 5500 and AP 5500)."

Section I: Tabulation, p. 35

The Election Commission shall tabulate the election ballots according to this code.

- 1. Tabulation Procedure
 - a. Electronic: The Elections Commission will tabulate the votes online via a third-party provider.
 - b. Paper Ballots
 - i. All properly marked ballots shall be tabulated.
 - ii. The ASG Advisor and the Election Commission chair shall supervise the tabulation process.
 - iii. Two (2) or more members of the Election Commission shall tabulate all valid ballots.
 - iv. Tabulation shall be conducted in public. For security purposes, the ASG Advisor may limit access to the tabulation area.
 - v. Tabulation shall be officially endorsed by all of the following: the ASG Advisor, the Election Commission chair, and all others tabulating ballots.
- 2. The candidate receiving the majority votes cast (plurality) for each office will be the winner.
- 3. Ties and Run-offs: In case of a tie, a run-off election may be held within one (1) week of the official tabulation. Run-off elections shall be subject to the same regulations, when reasonable, that govern general elections.
- 4. Public Notice: Public notice of election results shall be given by way of signs on campus and a press release to the official college newspaper within four (4) business days of the last day of voting.
- 5. Recount: Candidates shall have two (2) business days, after official notice of results, to request a recount. The signature of the candidate and thirty (30) currently enrolled students shall be necessary to engage a recount process of all valid ballots.
- 6. Securing of Ballots: The Election Commission advisor shall maintain valid online and/or hard copy ballots in a locked container for a minimum of seven (7) business days after certification of the election.

Section J: Certification

The Election Commission shall certify the election, after all ballots are tabulated, all recount requests have been addressed and all pending candidate complaints have been accorded due process. Certification shall be achieved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Election Commission.

Section K: Candidate Due Process

Candidates who feel that they have been the victim of severe and/or repeated violations of any part of the ASG Election Bylaws will have their complaint reviewed by the Election Commission and the ASG Advisor in a timely manner. Once elections have started, complaints will be reviewed within one (1) business day.

- 1. Process for Addressing Complaints
 - a. All complaints must be filed in writing and must be signed by the candidate. The burden of proof is on the complainant.
 - i. Complaints must be submitted no later than 12:00 P.M. the day after polls close, regardless of the need for any runoff election.

- b. Accused individuals must be notified of a complaint prior to any ruling; he/she has the right to appear before the Election Commission to defend him/herself prior to a decision.
 - i. Notification will be provided by email using the email address indicated on the candidate's application. Included in this notification will be the date, time and location of the Election Commission meeting.
 - c. If either party disagrees with the decision of the Election Commission, he/she may appeal the decision to the Dean, Counseling and Student Development in writing no later than one (1) business day after receipt of the Elections Commission decision.
 - i. The Dean of Counseling and Student Development shall have two (2) business days to rule in writing on the appeal and notify the complainant of their decision on the matter.
- 2. Bylaws with a Challenged Candidate:
 - a. If a candidate is disqualified and the appeal process is exhausted prior to the start of the voting, the disqualified candidate's name will not be placed on the ballot. Any allegations of additional violations of the ASG Election Bylaws shall be treated as set forth in herein.
 - b. If the challenged candidate has not exhausted the appeal process prior to the start of the voting, the challenged candidate's name will appear on the ballot and voting will proceed as set forth on the Elections Calendar.
 - c. If a candidate is challenged, or if a challenged candidate's appeal is completed after the voting, resulting in both a final decision against the challenged candidate, and the disqualification of the challenged candidate, all votes cast for the disqualified candidate will be voided. If the disqualified candidate would have won the election, the candidate with the next highest vote total shall be declared the winner.
 - d. If all candidates for an ASG position are successfully challenged for violations of the ASG Elections Bylaws, a new election will be held.

Section L: Other allegations of violations

- 1. If a violation is alleged that does not involve inappropriate activity by a specific candidate, but rather alleges a violation by other students or parties attempting to disrupt the election, the allegation must be made in writing, signed by the complainant and delivered to the Election Commission, as set forth in Section K.1.
 - a. The complaint will be reviewed in a manner consistent with this section of the Bylaws.
 - b. If the complaint is found to be valid, the final body involved in the appeal of the matter in an ASG position election may:
 - i. Determine that the violation was minor and the election stands; or
 - ii. Determine that the violation was significant and invalidate all results of any position in the election affected thereby, resulting in a new election being scheduled pursuant to the rules set forth herein.
 - c. The final body involved in the appeal of the matter in an ASG position election may recommend that any party involved in the violation, whether ruled minor or significant, be disciplined pursuant to MCCCCD Board Policy and Administrative Procedure 5500 – Standards of Student Conduct and all appropriate Disciplinary Action portions of the ASGMCC Constitution and Bylaws.
- 2. If a violation is alleged that does not involve inappropriate activity by a specific candidate, but rather alleges a violation of procedure by the Election Commission, the allegation must be made in writing, signed by the complainant and delivered to the Dean of Student Affairs no later than 12:00 P.M. the day after polls close, regardless of the need for any runoff election.
 - a. The complaint will be reviewed in a manner consistent with this section of the Bylaws.
 - b. If the complaint is found to be valid, the Dean of Student Affairs:
 - i. Determine that the violation was minor and the election stands; or
 - ii. Determine that the violation was significant and invalidate all results of any position in the election affected thereby, resulting in a new election being scheduled pursuant to the rules set forth herein.

- c. The final body involved in the appeal of the matter in an ASG position election may recommend that any party involved in the violation, whether ruled minor or significant, be disciplined pursuant to MCCCCD Board Policy and Administrative Procedure 5500 – Standards of Student Conduct and all appropriate Disciplinary Action portions of the ASGMCC Constitution, Bylaws and Elections Bylaws.

Section M: Enforcement of Elections Bylaws

The Election Commission and the ASG Advisor may impose any one, or a combination of, the following penalties to individuals or groups found guilty of violations:

1. Suspension of campaigning for a duration to be determined by the Election Commission and ASG Advisor.
2. Disqualification as a candidate for an elected ASG position.
3. Recommendation to the Vice President of Student Services for disciplinary action as per MCCCCD Board Policy and Administrative Procedure 5500 – Standards of Student Conduct.

Section N: Amendment of the Elections Bylaws

To amend the ASG Election Bylaws, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate is required. These Bylaws were amended on March 4, 2005; March 12, 2008; February 4, 2011; April 15, 2011; April 6, 2012; March 1, 2013; April 12, 2013; April 19, 2013; May 9, 2014; May 2, 2017; April 30, 2020; April 23, 2021, April 28, 2023.

PART III: Review of California Education Code & MCCC CD BP/AP

CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE SECTION 76060 & 76061

76060. The governing board of a community college district may authorize the students of a college to organize a student body association. The association shall encourage students to participate in the governance of the college and may conduct any activities, including fundraising activities, as may be approved by the appropriate college officials. The association may be granted the use of community college premises and properties without charge, subject to any regulations that may be established by the governing board of the community college district.

The governing board of the community college district may authorize the students of a college to organize more than one student body association when the governing board finds that day students and evening students each need an association or geographic circumstances make the organization of only one student body association impractical or inconvenient.

A community college district may assume responsibility for activities formerly conducted by a student body association if the student body association is dissolved. A student body association employee who was employed to perform the activity assumed by the district pursuant to this section shall become a member of the classified service of the district in accordance with Section 88020.

76061. A student who is elected to serve as an officer in the student government of a community college shall meet any of the following requirements:

- (a) (1) The student shall be enrolled in the community college at the time of election, and throughout the student's term, with a minimum of five semester units, or the equivalent quarter units.
- (2) The student shall meet and maintain the minimum standards of scholarship prescribed for community college students by the community college district.
- (b) The student shall be enrolled in an adult education program offered by a community college district pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 84900) of Chapter 5 of Part 50, at the time of the election and throughout the student's term.
- (c) The student is enrolled in the community college at the time of election, and throughout the student's term, and is a disabled student, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 84850.

(Amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 79, Sec. 1. (AB 1736) Effective January 1, 2023.)

MIRACOSTA COLLEGE POLICY & PROCEDURE

Candidates must review the following district policies and procedures, which are available for review on the MiraCosta College Board Policies and Administrative Procedures website:

<https://miracosta.edu/office-of-the-president/board-of-trustees/board-policies-and-administrative-procedures.html>

- BP 3900: Speech – Time, Place, & Manner
- BP 5410: Associated Student Government Elections
- BP 5500: Standards of Student Conduct
- AP 5520: Student Conduct Procedures
- AP 5530: Student Rights & Grievances

PART IV: Special Instructions

District *Administrative Procedure 3900: Speech—Time, Place, and Manner* states, “Students who engage in election activities affiliated with the Associated Student Government shall refer to *The Constitution of the Associated Students of MiraCosta College* for guidance on permissive campaigning activities.”

ASG Election Campaigning in Online/ Virtual Spaces

Below is a list of approved campaigning options as confirmed by the 2023 ASG Election Commission:

- **Social Media:** You are welcome to promote your candidacy via social media (for example, host an Instagram live event). Please know that the **ASG is required to remain impartial; therefore, they cannot promote your social media posts** that are related to the elections. For example, ASG will not like any posts, re-share, or re-tweet, or engage in actions that promote your own campaigning efforts. However, the ASG is allowed to engage in creating their own social media campaign to promote the elections and promote awareness of all candidates, such as promoting a “Get to Know the Candidates” campaign where all candidates will have an equal opportunity to be highlighted in an equal manner.
 - **Pro Tip: Promote yourself! Avoid negative campaigns about others.** Please review the Standards of Student Conduct (AP 5500 for a list of behaviors that are not allowed). Harassment and bullying, in person or online, will not be tolerated and may be grounds for removal from the elections.
- **MiraCosta ASG website:** As noted on the ASG Candidate Application, all candidates will have their names and the role that they are running for listed on the ASG website. This information is gathered from the optional questions/ responses on the ASG application that invited candidates to share their name, pronouns, candidate bio, and photo (or bitmoji) to post on the ASG website. If you submitted this information on the application, but would like it to not be posted, or would like it removed at any time, please contact ASG Advisor Terrence Shaw at tshaw@miracosta.edu or Colleen Maeder at cmaeder@miracosta.edu.
 - Information about the ASG Elections and the ASG website/ ‘Meet the Candidates’ section on the ASG Website will be promoted in TWSS (This Week in Student Success).
- **Engage News Story:** All candidates are invited to submit a “News Story” on Engage, which will be posted in the order in which they are received. Candidates may submit one News Story to highlight their campaign, which will be posted by a Student Life & Leadership student staff member on their behalf. These stories will be posted as they are received, provided that they meet the Standards of Student Conduct expectations and will not be edited in any form. Please know that this post is not an endorsement by

Student Life & Leadership, nor the Associated Student Government. You can review News Stories on Engage by visiting www.miracosta.edu/engage. This is not required.

- **Class Announcement:** If a candidate wishes to make an announcement in their class, to promote the elections and/ or inform the class that they are running for a certain position, the candidate should first obtain written permission from the faculty member to make such an announcement, in good faith to not disruptive the class lecture, course expectations, or syllabus policies. This includes announcements made in live in-person classes (for the few classes currently being held on campus), during zoom classes, during office hours, or via written form on canvas discussion boards.
- **Club, Program, or Student Organization Promotion:** If a club wishes to promote a candidate and host a virtual event that highlights the candidate, they may promote the event on Engage, just as all other student related events may be promoted on Engage.