

The Associated Students Organization shall conduct annual elections to elect officers.

Any student elected as an officer in the ASO shall meet the requirements in El Camino Community College District Board Policy 5410 and Associated Students Organization Constitution.

The By-Laws 700-799 of Article VIII – General Elections of the Associated Students Organization Constitution outlines the following information pertaining to Associated Students Elections.

1. By-Law 700 – Regulation of Electoral Process

The Senate may enact regulations governing campaigns for, and elections to, all positions representing the ASO of El Camino College. The Senate may also enact regulations governing the procedures for voting on amendments to, and revisions of, the ASO Constitution. The process shall be overseen by the ASO Election Committee, composed of a Commissioner of Elections (Chairperson), non-candidate members of the ASO, and Advisers from the Student Development Office (ad hoc, non-voting members). The committee shall have the power to set all procedures concerning the elections of the ASO representatives.

2. By-Law 701 – Executive Cabinet Candidates

All Candidates for any position in the Executive Cabinet shall submit a petition, which consists of a minimum of 50 signatures, to the ASO Election Committee.

3. By-Law 702 – Senatorial Candidates

Senatorial candidates shall submit a petition, which consists of a minimum of 25 signatures, to the ASO Election Committee.

4. By-Law 703 – ASO Elections Committee

Section 1 – The Elections Committee shall be responsible for overseeing ASO elections, making sure all procedures are followed properly.

Section 2 – No member of the Elections Committee shall be allowed to participate in, or endorse any campaign.

Section 3 – The Elections Committee shall have the authority to establish rules and guidelines governing elections.

Section 4 – The Election Committee Chair(s) and membership shall be appointed and ratified by the Senate by the third week of the spring semester. The Committee Chairperson(s) may recommend additional members to the President as needed.

Section 5 – The Elections Committee shall make all required paperwork available to candidates at least five weeks prior to the first day of elections.

Section 6 – The Elections Committee shall allow at least one week of campaigning for candidates prior to the first day of polling.

Section 7 – The Elections Committee shall attempt to notify, in writing, any candidate who has been disqualified stating the reasons for the disqualification within 24 hours of the election.

Section 8 – Any disqualified candidate may consult the Elections Committee by making an appointment with the Elections Committee Chairperson(s). The candidate will have a hearing where they will be given an opportunity to present any extenuating circumstances that would otherwise make them eligible.

Section 9 – All grievances must be submitted in writing to the Elections Committee. The Election Committee shall review grievances in a reasonable and timely manner and take action as deemed necessary.

5. By-Law 704 – Special Elections & the ASO Special Elections Committee

Section 1 – The President may call for a special election upon majority vote of the Senate to fill vacant positions in the Senate or Executive Cabinet.

Section 2 – The Chairs of the Special Elections Committee shall be appointed by the President.

Section 3 – The Special Elections Committee shall operate under a calendar developed by the committee and approved by the Senate.

Section 4 – The Special Elections Committee shall be responsible for overseeing ASO special elections, making sure all procedures are followed.

Section 5 – No member of the Special Elections Committee shall be allowed to participate in, or endorse any campaign.

Section 6 – The Special Elections Committee shall have the authority to establish rules and guidelines governing elections.

Section 7 – Any disqualified candidate may consult the Special Elections Committee by making an appointment with the Special Elections Committee Chairperson(s). The candidate will have a hearing where they will be given an opportunity to present any extenuating circumstances that would otherwise make them eligible.

Section 8 – All grievances must be submitted in writing to the Special Elections Committee. The Special Elections Committee shall review grievances in a reasonable and timely manner and take action as deemed necessary.

References:

Education Code Section 76061;

El Camino College Associated Students Organization Constitution

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