

Shared Governance Policy

PURPOSE

Associated Students, Incorporated serves as the official representative body of the students and is committed to advocating students' needs and representing their voices to the University and its community. Almost all levels of California State University, Stanislaus call for some form of student representation and in order to ensure ASI's participation in this practice and its legitimate expression of the student voice, ASI must fully commit itself to its responsibilities as a part of the shared community. And being such, this policy is intended to uphold our commitment to student advocacy, to demonstrate our commitment by modeling shared governance, and to provide necessary resources for adequate representation.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Associated Students Inc. to commit itself to fulfilling the students' responsibility to be included in the *Student Participation in Policy Development Process*. In fulfilling its responsibility, ASI will *nominate students to serve on Campus Committees, Auxiliary Board of Directors, Campus-Wide Task Forces and Other Campus-Wide Advisory Groups*. The Associated Students will provide adequate resources, efforts, and accountability to ensure the interests of students are properly presented and considered by those who make decisions for the University.

This policy was voted on and approved by the ASI Board of Directors on: 11/15/11

Revision:

The following signature by the ASI President, verifies the approval of the ASI Board of Directors:



Mehran Khodabandeh



Signature

2/29/12

Date

** This policy may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the ASI Board of Directors.*

PROCEDURE

SECTION I: POLICY

I. POLICY INTRODUCTION

As provided by the **California Education Code Section 89300**, each California State University campus Associated Students organization shall serve as the official representative body of students at each campus. As provided by the **Resolution Approved by the Board of Trustees of the California State University**, CSU Campus Presidents will provide these officially recognized associated student body organizations an opportunity to offer opinions and make recommendations about campus policy and procedures that have or will have an effect upon students.

It is widely felt that broad participation in the decision-making process increases the individual's investment in the success of the institution. The interdependence of constituent groups at all levels of a university system's structure requires complex coordination, excellent communication among the levels, and appropriate joint planning and execution.

Therefore, as set forth by the Board of Trustees, the Associated Students Inc. is authorized to nominate student representatives to serve on campus wide committees, task forces and other campus wide advisory groups. The appropriate campus administrator makes the appointment(s).

SECTION II:

I. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this policy, the terms used are defined as follows:

Term	Definition
Student Shared Community	The sharing of responsibility by students for participating in the decision making process about institutional missions, policies, budget priorities and in decisions that have an impact on student life. It does not extend to management decisions carried out under policy guidelines. Under student shared community, student representatives endeavor to think in terms of the good of the institution as a whole and to work to reach agreement with the other parties before making decisions.
Student representative	A regularly admitted and enrolled CSU student who has been duly nominated through the Associated Students, Incorporated as a representative of the student body to a committee, council, task-force, advisory group.

II. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

ASIAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES OF DIRECT STUDENT INVOLVEMENT:

- A. Active participation through proper recruitment, selection, and training of student representatives.
- B. Effective communication between ASI and: University Leadership; Academic Senate and Staff.
- C. Commitment by ASI to the effective representation and expression of all students' voices.
- D. Primary responsibility for the review of policies concerning student life, services, and interests.

SECTION III:

I. SERVICE

Student representatives shall serve at the discretion of the Associated Students, Incorporated, the official representative body of students, and shall be responsible for reporting to the ASI Board of Directors, or its duly appointed designee.

II. REPORT TO THE ASI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Student representatives on committees, councils, task-forces, advisory groups, or boards shall provide a report to the ASI Board of Directors or its appropriate subcommittee within (7) school days after attending a meeting unless prior timelines/and or methods are provided through the ASI Board of Directors.

III. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

In the spirit of shared community, the Student Representatives are to serve to further the educational mission of the university, which supports student learning and student development on the CSU Stanislaus campus. Student Representatives must come to meetings prepared and ready for discussions and decisions that will further the mission of CSU Stanislaus and ASI, which meet the needs of the diverse student body. Engagement in meetings is required, which includes; asking questions, contributing to discussion on hand, and providing direction that is in the best interest of the CSU Stanislaus campus and the student body. Student Representatives are not present for self-gain or to represent individual constituents, but rather Student Representatives are present to contribute and make decisions in the best interest of the entire student body.

IV. Termination

If the ASI President, Board of Directors or its appropriate subcommittee finds that a student representative is not fulfilling their duties as a member of the committee, council, task-force, advisory group, or board to the satisfaction of the Associated Students, the student may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors.