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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR		
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS		
REFERENCE:	Education Code section 76061, Board Rules, Chapter IX	TOPIC: Eligibility for Associated Student Organization Offices
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CHANGES:	Replaces Administrative Regulation E-22 (no changes)	DATES OF CHANGES:

1. The following standards governing candidate and officer (as defined by the ASO constitution and by-laws) eligibility for appointed and elected Associated Student Organization officers (ASO), must be met:
 - a. The candidate or officer must be a currently paid member of the ASO, at the college where the election is being held-and have successfully completed no more than 80 degree-applicable units in the District.
 - b. The candidate may seek only one campus office within the District.
 - c. The candidate or officer must have and maintain a cumulative and current GPA of at least 2.0 in units completed at all the colleges in the District during the semesters in which the student government office is applied for and held. Current means the most recently completed semester or session. The ASO Constitution may not set a higher GPA requirement.
 - d. The candidate or officer must not be on academic or progress probation, as defined by LACCD Board Rule 8200.10.
 - e. At the time of election, or appointment, and throughout the term of office, the candidate or officer must be actively enrolled in, and must successfully complete a minimum of five (5) units per semester. The ASO Constitution may not set a higher unit requirement. Units in which a student receives an Incomplete (INC) will not be counted in the determining the number of units completed. Students falling below this requirement will automatically forfeit their office. Students, who forfeit office for failing to meet this unit requirement, will not be reinstated if INC grades are converted to letter grades and units are awarded for those courses. Candidates may be enrolled in more than one college in the District, but the candidate must be currently enrolled in a minimum of five (5) units at the college where the candidate is seeking office. Officers must maintain that enrollment at the college where the office is held.

- f. Exceptions on the maximum unit requirement in Section 1a of this regulation may be made for students enrolled in a college degree, certificate or transfer program where the combination of program requirements and prerequisites may result in the student exceeding the 80 degree-applicable unit limit.

Exceptions will be decided by the College President based upon recommendations made by the Chief Student Services Officer.

In order to be considered for an exemption, a student, who exceeds the requisite 80 degree-applicable unit maximum, must satisfy at least one of the following conditions:

- 1) The requirements of the student's declared associate degree major, certificate and/or transfer objective, as specified in the college catalog, caused the student to enroll in courses that exceeded the 80 degree-applicable unit maximum.
 - 2) Program prerequisites, as specified in the college catalog, caused the student to exceed the 80 degree-applicable unit maximum.
2. A candidate or officer is ineligible for ASO office:
 - a. If he/she has served more than four (4) semesters in any one (1) or more student government elected or appointed offices in the District.
 - b. If a candidate or officer, who exceeded the unit maximum in Section 1a of this regulation and was granted an exception, fails to be enrolled in courses that are specifically required for his or her declared associate degree, certificate or transfer objective requirements, as specified in the college catalog.
 3. An officer may serve a fifth semester if eligible at the time of assuming office with the approval of the college president or designee (e.g., has served three semesters and is a candidate for an office with a one-year term).
 4. The Chief Student Services Officer and/or designee will verify a candidate or officer's eligibility. If the student should disagree with the findings of the Chief Student Services Officer and/or designee, he/she can appeal the decision through the student grievance procedures contained in LACCD Administrative Regulation E-55. Officers not adhering to the standards for office will be required to forfeit their positions.
 5. Candidates or officers must comply with the minimum standards of the District Code of Conduct. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of the position if an ASO officer is suspended for more than ten (10) days from one or more classes, activities, services, programs, or specific locations at any college in the Los Angeles Community College District, under LACCD disciplinary provisions (Board Rule, Chapter IX, Article VIII, Sections 9801-9806).

6. Any candidate or officer with a disability may request an accommodation for the requirements of Section 1e:
 - a. The approval of the accommodation for candidates with a disability will be made in individual instances on a case-by-case basis by the Chief Student Services Officer in consultation with the college Compliance Officer and/or the Director of the Disabled Student Program and Service (DSP&S) in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities, as appropriate.
 - b. Qualification for an accommodation will be based on the impact of the disability on the candidate's/officer's ability to take 6 units. However, a candidate or officer must be enrolled in a minimum of five units throughout his/her term in accordance with Education Code section 76071.
 - c. Procedures for requesting an accommodation under E-22:
 - 1) Candidates/officers must complete a written request form for accommodation available in the college's Student Services Office, and return it to the Chief Student Services Officer.
 - 2) Each candidate or officer must present written documentation verifying the disability. Acceptable documentation includes, but is not limited to, written notice from the college DSP&S office or a certified or licensed professional, such as a doctor, psychologist, rehabilitation counselor, occupational or physical therapist.
7. Students enrolled in college credit and/or non-credit courses are eligible to vote at the college of attendance. Enrollment in Community Services classes does not meet this requirement.