

AP 5410 Associated Students Elections

Reference:

***Education Code Section 76061
(New Procedure)***

The Associated Students shall conduct annual elections to elect officers.

Any student elected as an officer in the Associated Students shall meet the requirements in [*Board Policy*].

General Provisions

Publicity regulations must be followed and candidates may begin their campaign at any time during the academic year.

All properly certified candidates must be present at a meeting at which the rules governing the election shall be explained by the Elections Officer. This meeting shall take place at the Elections Officer's pleasure.

Polls shall be open from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the first day of voting and from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the second day.

No campaigning may take place within 50 feet of the polls.

An ad hoc Elections Committee may be appointed by the President with approval of the Senate, and shall consist of three members, with the Elections Officer serving as chairperson. No member of the committee may be a candidate in the election.

In the event of Elections Code violations, the Elections Committee may recommend that the Senate invalidate the election results and/or disqualify the candidate (s).

The returns of the election shall be posted outside of the Student Affairs Office as soon as they have been tabulated. All campaign material must be removed from the campus the following day.

Defeated candidates shall have ten (10) school days from the announcement of the winner(s) to contest the election results. Ballots may not be destroyed within this ten school day period.

The Oath of Office for elected and appointed officials will be administered by the incumbent Associated Students Government President.

Rules Pertaining to the Presidential Election

The election of the President of the Association shall be held on Monday and Tuesday of the last full class week in April unless Spring recess intervenes. In this event the election shall be held in the last full class week before Spring recess.

Candidates for the office of President must file a written petition with the Student Affairs office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 17 days before the election.

The names of properly certified candidates will be posted outside of the Student Affairs office no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, 14 days before the election.

In accordance with Article II and Article IV, Para. 2 of the Constitution of the Associated Students Government of Imperial Valley College, no student may hold the office of President who has not completed at least twelve units of course work at Imperial Valley College at the time of the presidential election and who has not been in residence at Imperial Valley College for two semesters as a full-time student (including the semester in which the presidential election is held). No student shall hold the office of President who does not comply with Article 2 of the Constitution, or has completed the necessary units for the equivalent of the Associate in Arts Degree (64 degree applicable units).

The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes cast will be declared the elected candidate, provided that the candidate receives at least forty (40) percent of the votes cast. If no candidate receives at least forty percent of the votes cast, a run-off election will be held. The two candidates who receive the greatest number of votes in the first election will be the candidates in the second election. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes in the run-off election will be declared the winner. The run-off election, if required, will be held on the Thursday and Friday of election week.

The duly elected President of the Associated Students Government will take office during the first regularly scheduled senate meeting of May.

Rules Pertaining to the Election of the Senate

The election of the thirteen (13) Senate Members of the Associated Students Government of Imperial Valley College will be held twenty-one days from the start of the fall semester.

Candidates for the office of Senate Members must file a petition with the Student Affairs office no later than 4:00 p.m., ten (10) calendar days before the election.

The names of all properly certified candidates will be posted outside of the Student Affairs office no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, seven (7) days prior to the election.

There will be seven (7) senior and six (6) junior Members of the Senate. Any candidate who has completed two semesters of credit at Imperial Valley College, or any other college, will be deemed a senior. Likewise, any candidate who has completed less than two semesters of credit will be deemed a junior. No student shall hold the office of Senate Member who does not comply with Article II of the Constitution, or who has completed the necessary units for the equivalent of the Associate in Arts Degree (64 degree applicable units).

The seven (7) senior and six (6) junior candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected. If two candidates for senior or junior tie for the 7th or 6th seat, respectively, a run-off election between those candidates will be held on Thursday and Friday of election week.

All members of the Association may vote for both senior and junior candidates.

The thirteen (13) duly elected Members of the Senate shall take the oath of office during the first regularly scheduled Senate meeting of October.

Rules Pertaining to Ballot Counting

The Elections Officer will submit a report to the Senate one week prior to the election outlining the method and procedures for ballot counting.

Immediately following the closing of polls in the Presidential, Senate and other major elections a ballot count will take place in a predetermined room on campus. The Elections Committee, with the Elections Officer presiding, and not less than ten (10) counters must be present for the count.

Once the count has started, no counter may leave the room until the count has been completed. Each candidate may have one representative present during the count as an observer. They may not take an active part in the ballot counting and shall abide by all rules concerning ballot counting.

The validity of all ballots will be determined by the Election Officer.

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General Provisions

Publicity regulations must be followed and publicity may begin at any time during the academic year.

Polls shall be open from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the first day of voting and from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the second day.

No campaigning may take place within 50 feet of the polls. An ad hoc Elections Committee may be appointed by the President, with approval of the Senate, and shall consist of three members, with the Elections Officer serving as chairperson.

In the event of Elections Code violations, the Elections Committee may recommend that the Senate invalidate the election results, and/or disqualify the candidate(s) involved in the violation.

The results of the election shall be posted outside the Student Affairs Office as soon as they have been tabulated. All campaign materials must be removed from the campus the following day.

Candidates shall have ten school days from the announcement of returns to contest the election results. Ballots may not be destroyed within this ten school day period.

The California Elections Code will be the reference for all questions concerning elections.

All students will be eligible to vote in any and all elections of the Association.

The Rules Committee shall draft all ballots for plebiscites for Senate approval.

Plebiscites shall be held no sooner than two (2) weeks following Senate approval.

Rules Pertaining To Ballot Counting

The Elections Officer will submit a report to the Senate one week prior to the plebiscite outlining the method and procedures for ballot counting.

Immediately following the closing of the polls, a ballot count will take place in a predetermined room on campus. The Elections Committee, with the Elections Officer presiding, and not less than ten (10) counters must be present for the count.

Once the count has started, no counter may leave the room until the count has been completed.

The validity of all ballots will be determined by the Elections Committee and/or Elections Officer.

For complete and detailed information regarding the Associated Students Government Elections can be found in the "Handbook for Student Leaders and Faculty Advisors", located in the Student Affairs Director's Office.