



Santa Fe College Rules Manual

Title: Student Activities

Rule 7.30

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Purpose: To create a committee to allocate student activity and service fees; to state the intended use of student activity and service fees; to establish a student government; to establish student organizations and their policies; to state how student organizations are funded.

Activity and Service Fees Budget Committee

The Activity and Service Fees Budget Committee shall be established to develop an annual budget for the use of student activity and service fees (A and S Fees). The budget is to be based upon an estimate of total funds generated from this fee as well as an estimate of funds carried forward from the prior year. This budget shall be approved by the College President. The monies shall be spent consistent with College Rules established by the Santa Fe College Board of Trustees, the administrative rules of the Department of Education, and the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America, as applicable. During the course of a fiscal year, this committee shall make necessary allocations and budget adjustments to respond to new initiatives and changing needs.

The Activity and Service Fees Budget Committee shall be composed of thirteen voting members and four ex-officio members. The voting members shall include nine students, including the student body Vice President, the student body Treasurer, three student Senators appointed by the student body President, and four at-large students appointed by the Director of Student Life. Additional voting members shall include the Director for Student Life, the Vice President for Student Affairs, and two at-large staff members appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs. Ex-officio members will include the Student Government Adviser, the Student Life Business Manager, and two representatives from the Office for Finance named by the Vice President for Administrative Affairs and CFO. The Director for Student Life will serve as chairperson for the committee and will ensure that a committee meeting schedule will be publicly posted.

The Activity and Service Fees Budget Committee will meet as often as deemed necessary, but not less than four times per fiscal year.

Use of Activity and Service Fees Funds

Activity and Service Fees funds shall be used to provide and support co-curricular activities and services for the benefit of students. This may include, but is not limited to, student government, student organizations, athletics, intramural sports, fine arts performances and exhibits, student health care, student legal services, and student leadership training. These funds and exhibits may also support the administrative costs to provide the above-listed services.

The funded activities shall be open to all currently enrolled students regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, creed, age, disability, marital status, genetic information, political opinions or affiliations, or veteran status.

Student Government

A student government shall be established to provide a forum for the expression of student views and to advocate student interests. This organization shall have the authority and responsibility to create its own structure and operating rules, provided they are consistent with College Rules established by the Santa Fe College Board of Trustees, the administrative rules of the Department of Education, and the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America, as applicable. This organization shall receive funds to support its activities through the Activity and Service Fees Budget Committee.

Student Organizations

Students may organize and seek a charter from the College. Student organizations must have a current charter to have official recognition by the College and to be eligible for College funding. These organizations shall have the authority and responsibility to create their own structure and operating rules, provided they are consistent with College Rules established by the Santa Fe College Board of Trustees, the administrative rules of the Department of Education, and the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America, as applicable. The Director of Student Life or the Director's designee will be responsible for ascertaining the appropriateness of the organization and the subsequent monitoring of each organization's activities as per the charter. The Director of Student Life has the authority to prohibit organizational activities that do not support the mission and values of the College.

Student organizations shall be open to all currently enrolled students regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, creed, age, disability, marital status, genetic information, political opinions or affiliations, or veteran status.

The Director of Student Life, after appropriate administrative review and opportunity to receive all relevant information from all affected parties, may revoke an organization's charter for the following:

- A. Organizational policies or practices that create barriers to student involvement or activities that create a hostile environment
- B. Hazing
- C. Violation of College rules
- D. Failure to maintain an active charter
- E. Failure to have a designated faculty/staff adviser

Student Organization Funding

Official student organizations may request an annual budget allocation. Funding for such an allocation will be determined according to a process created and administered by the student government.

Student organizations may participate in fund-raising activities. Any monies acquired by the organization must be deposited into an agency account (Fund 6) administered by the Office for Finance.

Rule History

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