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1.0 Statement of Authorization (Education Code § 76060.)

- 1.1 The Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees authorizes the students of each of the Colleges of the District to organize a student body association that shall consist of only the following components: a Student Senate, Clubs and Events Board, and a Joint Budget Committee. Each student body association shall have a single constitution which shall be ratified by the students and approved by the Board of Trustees. All currently enrolled students of each College shall be members of the College's student body association and only enrolled students at that college are eligible to participate as members and officers of the student body association and each of its components. The acts and omission of the student body associations and each of its components are subject to the review and approval of appropriate College officials.
- 1.2 The student body association and each of its components shall work in direct consultation with the office of student life at the College.
- 1.3 The student body association and each of its components shall be cognizant that they represent diverse student populations.

2.0 Statement of Purview

2.1 Student Senate of the Student Body Association

2.1.1 Recognition

The Board of Trustees recognizes the Student Senate of the student body association at each College as the representative body of the students to participate in the College's and/or District's shared governance processes. (Title 5, § 51023.7.) The Student Senate of the student body association also serves as the means through which students may be nominated to participate on College and/or District committees, task forces or other governance groups. Further, the Student Senate of the student body association serves to provide input into the formation of College and District policies and procedures that have or will have a significant effect on students. Only the Student Senate of the student body association is authorized to take positions on legislative issues.

2.1.2 Representation and Responsibilities

The Student Senate of the student body association shall broadly represent the diverse student body attending each of the Colleges of the District. Further, the Student Senate of the student body association shall encourage a broad cross-section of students to participate in the governance of the College and/or District. The College Student Senate of the student body association represents all students of the College on the following matters that have a significant effect on students:

1) grading policies; 2) codes of student conduct; 3) academic disciplinary policies; 4) curriculum development; 5) initiation or discontinuation of courses or programs of study; 6) institutional planning and budget development; 7) standards and policies regarding student preparation and success; 8) student services planning and development; 9) any student fees within the authority of the District to adopt; and 10) any other District or College policy, procedure, or related matter that the Board of Trustees determines will have a significant effect on students. (Title 5 § 51023.7.)

2.1.3 Coordination

There shall be a mechanism for assuring communication between the Student Senate and the Clubs and Events Board of the student body association. In accordance with its purview in this section 2.1, the Student Senate of the student body association may coordinate with the Clubs and Events Board of the student body association to provide large scale events that encourage student lobbying and other allowable uses of the student representation fee. The Student Senate of the student body association may coordinate with the appropriate College professional development committee to plan large-scale events for students, faculty and staff.

2.1.4 Allocation

The Student Senate of the student body association shall receive an annual allocation for general expenses determined by a formula set by the College's Joint Budget Committee of the student body association in consultation with the office of student life and may petition the Joint Budget Committee of the student body association for additional funds to support projects related to the Student Senate of the student body association. The Student Senate of the student body association shall also receive an annual allocation from the College's student representation fee. (Ed. Code, § 70060.5.)

2.1.5 Expenditures

The Student Senate of the student body association shall have the authority to recommend to the office of student life the expenditure of its allocated funds. The Student Senate of the student body association shall have the authority to recommend to the office of student life expenditures of the College's student representation fees for activities and trips for which those funds are authorized. (Ed. Code, § 70060.5.)

2.1.6 Membership

Members and officers of the Student Senate of the student body association shall be elected from the student body. The District Student Trustee may not serve as the president of a Student Senate of the student body association during his or her term as trustee. No candidate may run for Student Trustee and a Student Senate Presidency in the same election. At any one time, a student may serve only on a single Student Senate of the student body association for any of the District Colleges.

2.1.7 Bylaws

Each Student Senate of the student body association shall have bylaws that govern its operation consistent with District Policies and Administrative Regulations and with College guidelines and procedures.

2.2 Clubs and Events Board of the Student Body Association

2.2.1 Recognition

The Board of Trustees recognizes the Clubs and Events Board of the student body association as the group responsible for promoting the intellectual, artistic and social life of students by supporting authorized clubs and programming events. The activities of the Club and Events Board shall be coordinated through the office of student life at the College.

2.2.2 Responsibilities

The Clubs and Events Board of the student body association, in conjunction with the office of student life, shall encourage the formation of authorized College clubs and provide for the opportunities to conduct individual student club event programming consistent with District and College policy, and for the coordination of activities and celebrations for the entire College.

2.2.3 Coordination

There shall be a mechanism for assuring communication between the Clubs and Events Board and the Student Senate of the student body association. In accordance with its purview in this section 2.2, the Clubs and Events Board of the student body association may coordinate with the Student Senate of the student body association to provide large scale events that encourage student lobbying and other allowable uses of the student representation fee. The Clubs and Events Board of the student body association may coordinate with the appropriate College professional development committee to plan large-scale events for students, faculty and staff.

2.2.4 Allocation

The Clubs and Events Board of the student body association shall receive an annual allocation for general expenses and events determined by a formula set by the Joint Budget Committee of the student body association in consultation with the office of student life and may petition the Joint Budget Committee of the student body association for additional funds to support activities and events related to the Clubs and Events Board of the student body association.

2.2.5 Expenditures

The Clubs and Events Board of the student body association shall have the authority to recommend to the office of student life the expenditure of its allocated funds.

2.2.6 Membership

The officers of the Clubs and Events Board of the student body association shall be elected from the student body. The Clubs and Events Board of the student body association shall have representatives from authorized student clubs and may also have additional members from the student body. At any one time, a student may serve only on a single Clubs and Events Board of the student body association for any of the District Colleges

2.2.7 Bylaws

Each Clubs and Events Board of the student body association shall have bylaws that govern its operation consistent with District Policies and Administrative Regulations and with College guidelines and procedures.

2.3 Joint Budget Committee of the student body association

2.3.1 Recognition

The Board of Trustees recognizes that there will be a Joint Budget Committee of the student body association formed at each College that will be responsible for decision-making in respect to the distribution of student body association general fund dollars; and to act on requests for additional funds from the Student Senate and/or the Clubs and Events Board of the student body association.

2.3.2 Responsibilities

2.3.2.1 The Joint Budget Committee of the student body association, in consultation with the office of student life at the College, shall be responsible for establishing an ongoing formula for student body association general fund dollars that provides regular funding for the operating expenses of the Student Senate and the Clubs and Events Board of the student body association.

2.3.2.2 The Joint Budget Committee of the student body association, in consultation with the office of student life at the College, shall hear and decide on individual funding requests proposals from the Student Senate and the Club and Events Board of the student body association for funding requests in addition to the amounts determined by formula.

2.3.3 Membership

Members of the Joint Budget Committee of the student body association shall be members in good standing from both the Student Senate and the Club and Events Board of the student body association. There shall be an equal number of voting members from each body, with the Student Senate president to act as a presiding officer with no vote except in the case of ties.

2.3.4 Bylaws

The Joint Budget Committee of the student body association shall have bylaws that govern its operation consistent with District Policies and Administrative

Regulations and with College guidelines and procedures.

2.4 Other Activities Not Authorized

2.4.1 The Board of Trustees does not authorize the student body association and each of its components to engage in activities outside of those authorized by this statement of purview.

3.0 Legislative Matters

3.1 The Student Senate of the student body association at each College shall not adopt official positions on specific legislative issues unless the outcome will have a significant effect on (a) the students in their role as community college students; (b) College or District policies, regulations, or procedures; or (c) shared governance of the College and/or District. The Student Senate of the student body association at each College may adopt resolutions related to statewide and local education bonds. In no event shall a Student Senate of the student body association endorse or oppose a candidate for political office.

3.2 Any position taken by the Student Senate of the student body association on specific legislative issues shall be the official position of the student body association only and does not necessarily reflect the position of the Board of Trustees, the District, the College, the students of any other College, the personal opinion of any member of the student body association and each of its components, the Chancellor, the faculty or any staff member.

4.0 Use of Premises

A College student body association and each of its components may be granted the use of College premises and properties for officially-authorized activities without charge, subject to established Administrative Regulations.

5.0 Elections

5.1 The Student Senate and Clubs and Events Board of the student body association elections shall be held once a year during the spring semester and on the same date at each College. Special elections may be called. The spring election shall be held on the same dates and times as the Student Trustee election. All elections shall be subject to the direction and supervision of the College's Vice President of Student Services, or designee.

5.2 Students may vote in the student body association elections at any and all Colleges at which they are enrolled at the time of the election.

- 5.3 It is the intent of the Board of Trustees that the elections for the student body association and each of its components shall be held in accordance with all of the following principles:
 - 5.3.1 The elections shall be fundamentally fair.
 - 5.3.2 The elections shall be a learning experience.
 - 5.3.3 The elections shall uniformly enfranchise voters with elections open to students.
 - 5.3.4 The election shall be based on the universal suffrage principle of “one person-one vote.”
 - 5.3.5 The election shall preserve the principal of confidentiality of the ballot.
 - 5.3.6 The election process shall provide for the adequate distribution and display of comprehensive campaign information to all eligible voters.
 - 5.3.7 The election process shall be subject to limitations on campaign expenditures.
 - 5.3.8 The election counting processes shall be transparent.
- 5.4 The Colleges retain oversight over these elections and may investigate any irregularities that may have affected the fundamental fairness of the elections.
- 5.5 In the event the President of the College, or his/her designee, concludes there was a material irregularity in the election, the President, or his or her designee may
 - 5.5.1 Validate the election;
 - 5.5.2 Invalidate the election and require a re-election;
 - 5.5.3 Validate the election by excluding votes from a polling place where the irregularity occurred; or
 - 5.5.4 Make any other determination that fairness requires.
- 5.6 The students of a College may recall an officer or member of the Student Senate or the Club and Events Board of the student body association under the following conditions:
 - 5.6.1 The submission of a petition to the office of student life at a College containing the required number of signatures shall be sufficient to enact a recall

election for the position of the officer or member named in the petition. The required number of signatures to enact a recall election is two-thirds (2/3) of the number of students who voted in the election in which the officer or member was elected. Only signatures of currently enrolled students shall count towards the required number of signatures.

5.6.3 The recall election shall be held no later than fourteen (14) days after the requirements to enact the recall have been fulfilled and shall comply with the requirements of this section 5.0.

5.6.4 A member or officer shall be recalled if more than three-quarters (3/4) of the students voting in the recall election vote in favor of the recall.

6.0 Vacancies

6.1 Definition of Vacancy

6.1.1 If no student has been elected to an office of the Student Senate or the Club and Events Board of the student body association during an election, that seat shall become vacant on the day the members and officers elected in that election take office.

6.1.2 If a student officer or member of the Student Senate, the Club and Events Board or the Joint Budget Committee of the student body association has more than the permissible consecutive unexcused absences or unexcused tardies for regular meetings as determined by the student body association's Constitution, that seat shall become vacant upon the date of the final unexcused absence or unexcused tardy.

6.1.3 The seat of a student officer or member of the Student Senate, the Club and Events Board or the Joint Budget Committee of the student body association shall become vacant if he or she is unable to complete his/her term because (a) he or she engaged in illegal behavior while acting in his or her role as a member of the student body association or any of its components; (b) failed to maintain qualifications for the office; or (c) resigned.

6.1.4 The seat of a student officer or member of the Student Senate or the Club and Events Board of the student body association shall become vacant if he or she is recalled.

6.1.5 The seat of a student officer or member of the Student Senate or the Clubs and Events Board of the student body association shall become vacant if he or she fails to meet required orientation and leadership development activities and as a result is not eligible to serve.

6.1.6 No student officer or member of the Student Senate, the Club and Events Board or the Joint Budget Committee of the student body association may be

removed from office except as provided by this Policy and Administrative Regulation 2311.

6.2 Procedure for Filling Vacancy

6.2.1 In the event of a vacancy, the Student Senate or the Clubs and Events Board of the student body association shall fill the vacancy by appointment or election as determined by the Senate or Board in accordance with Administrative Regulation 2311 and the student body association's Constitution and Bylaws.

7.0 Dissolution and Effective Date

7.1 Any one or all of the student body associations, and each of their components, are subject to dissolution by the Board of Trustees for the following reasons:

7.1.1 For violating applicable federal, state, or local law or regulations;

7.1.2 For violating applicable District Policies and Administrative Regulations;

7.1.3 For willfully failing to participate in the shared governance of the College or District;

7.1.4 Other good cause as determined by the Board of Trustees; or

7.1.5 Any reason in the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

7.2. Upon enactment of this Policy, all prior authorizations to create student body associations are revoked and sections 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 7.0 and 8.0 of this policy are effective immediately. Current student body associations may continue to exist in their present form until June 30, 2011, or the ratification of the student body association Constitution, that meets the requirements of this Policy and the Administrative Regulations, whichever is earlier, at which time the current student body associations shall be completely dissolved. Upon written petition showing good cause to the Vice Chancellor of Education and Technology by a College student body president and with the concurrence of that College's Vice President of Student Services, the Vice Chancellor may extend the June 30, 2011 date up to one year.

8.0 Administrative Regulations

The Chancellor shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.

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