



# Associated Students

Bill Number ~~XXX~~ 4

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Subject: A.S. Officers in other Programs

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**Whereas:** The stringency of the current attendance policy prevents students from being active participants in their student government, while also investing their efforts in various campus activities. The issue of students having to choose between equally important commitments -in terms of representing Mt. San Antonio college- has arisen with student competitors serving in the capacity of executive board members, senators, and/or student court officers in the academic year of 2021 to 2022. Thus, it is imperative that certain accommodations are made for those that choose to be student leaders in various capacities aside from being a student leader within Associated Students itself.

The current attendance policy within the organizational directive states that any absence -excused or unexcused- totaling to three, shall lead to an Associated Student officer's immediate suspension; for executive board officers, the same guidelines apply, except if the absences occur during senate meetings -totaling to three- impeachment will be the resulting consequence.

The Associated Students of Mt. San Antonio College, a respective body, holds the utmost esteem for punctuality, presence, and active participation; the consensus being that regardless of the circumstance, attendance is mandatory. The debate present is not a matter of the importance of attendance, but a matter of obstinate A.S. policy versus the demands of other organizations that also represent Mt. San Antonio college locally, statewide, or even nationally.

**Whereas:** The Associated Students shall hereby recognize the often reoccurring or scheduled events that take form in various games, competitions, meets, debates, duals, etc. as forms of representation on behalf of our campus; thus, students that must attend another form of representation shall not have their lack of presence at an A.S. meeting perceived as an absence that is in compliance with the “attendance policy” stated in the organizational directive. Rather, they shall be recognized under compliance with this proposal in accordance with the guidelines that must be followed by an A.S. officer that should attend such activities.

**Whereas:** In order for this legislation to be lucrative for an Associated Student officer to serve in their various forms of representation, they must follow a guideline for communication:

A.S. officers are expected to communicate with all of their colleagues during the Board of Communication section of a meeting’s agenda the week prior to the meeting(s) they shall not be present.

A detailed letter -or email- with a full schedule of upcoming events for the term, must be shared with all of the Associated Student’s advisors. The contact information of the advisor of the various activity shall be readily available for recipients of the letter.

In addition, Associated Student officers shall also provide a written -or electronically written- one week’s notice to all Associated Student advisors prior to each individual event. This notice shall also be sent to fellow AS officers that are superiors to one’s own position:

\*Senators shall send notice to the Senate Chairs as well as the AS President.

\*Associate Justices shall send notice to the Chief Justice.

\*Executive Board members shall send notice to all fellow members of the Executive Board

**Whereas:** This proposal shall offer students the opportunity to serve in more than one capacity for Mt. San Antonio college. Thus, offering insights, adding to the diversity and representing the study body in a more inclusive manner. This proposal aims to create a student government that reflects the student body it serves by appointing members of the student body who participate in the programs that the Associated Students often appropriate funds or create policy for.

**Therefore:** Be it resolved that the A.S. Senate, the A.S. Executive Board, and the A.S. President approve A.S. Officers in Other Programs

**A.S. Senate**

For: 10 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 Date: 5/10/22  
*Chauke Yang*

**A.S. Executive Board**

For: Unanimous Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Date: 5/10/22

**A.S. President**

Approve     Veto    Signature: *Van Min*    Date: 05-25-22

The Senate of Associated Students have proposed the below changes as the written extension of Bill #04. The changes of Bill #04 will take in effect July 1, 2022.

#### ATTENDANCE POLICY

This policy applies to all elected and appointed A.S. Officers. The authority to enforce this policy will reside with the A.S. Advisor.

A maximum of **one (1) unexcused** absence or **four (4) excused absences**, ~~excused or unexcused~~, are allowed for each Senate and E Board meeting per **Fall and Spring** semester. ~~Senators who miss more than two (2) Budget meetings per semester will not be allowed to vote.~~ **Officers who meet the maximum allowance of absences will be contacted by their presiding Chair.**

#### Absences:

1. An absence is defined as either arriving more than fifteen (15) minutes late from the beginning of the official scheduled starting time for meetings or leaving fifteen (15) minutes early.
2. **An absence is considered a missed meeting in a day, if multiple meetings occur on the same day it will be considered one absence.**
3. At the **second (2) unexcused** absence the officer will be suspended indefinitely from **their** position. The suspension is not final.
4. **At the sixth (6th) total absence**, the officer will be suspended indefinitely from **their** position. The suspension is not final.
5. **Failing to submit an academic progress report at the due date will be considered as an unexcused absence.**

#### Petition for Reinstatement

Should the officer present a written petition for reinstatement to the Executive Board for its' review, the Executive Board shall deliberate the circumstances unique to each absence and determine whether or not the officer's suspension will be final.

~~For senators appointed during the Spring semester, a maximum of two (2) absences are allowed for each Budget meeting. Absences during the application process will be counted. This includes absences before their appointment, during their term, or a combination of the two.~~

#### Excused Absences

**A total of 4 excused absences will be allowed. All officers are responsible for reading the minutes of the missed meeting. Below will be the criteria for an excused absence.**

**Competitive: An A.S. Officer who competes in the name of Mt. SAC will have the opportunity to excuse themselves from attending an A.S. meeting.**

1. **Must provide communication (e-mail) at least one week in advance to the advisors.**
2. **Must communicate with the presiding chair of the A.S. board meeting that will be missed. If the officer is the chair, the chair must identify a presiding chair for the meeting and communicate with advisors.**
3. **Must provide a schedule of upcoming competitions.**
4. **Must provide proof of competitive attendance by a Mt. SAC employee overseeing the activity.**

A.S. Representation: An A.S. Officer who represents Mt. SAC in a conference or professional setting will have the opportunity to excuse themselves from attending an A.S. meeting.

1. Must provide communication (e-mail) at least one week in advance to the advisors.
2. Must communicate with the presiding chair of the A.S. board meeting that will be missed. If the officer is the chair, the chair must identify a presiding chair for the meeting and communicate with advisors.

Medical or family emergency: An A.S. Officer who is experiencing a medical concern or family emergency, an A.S. Officer must communicate with the A.S. Advisor as soon as they are able.

Medical/family emergencies are at the discretion of advisors and/or President's Cabinet.

1. Must provide communication (e-mail) regarding the situation.