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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Agency accounts consist of those funds held in trust by the Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) on behalf of approved campus clubs, organizations, and activities. These monies are not under the budgetary nor programmatic control of the Associated Students, Incorporated. For the most part, agency accounts represent funds held on behalf of approved student organizations. The purpose of ASI’s policy on agency accounting is to avoid exposing the organization to financial risks concerning accountability over agency account funds and other agency property.

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the ASI to utilize agency accounts to account for funds held in trust on behalf of approved campus clubs, organizations, and activities. All such funds shall be reflected on ASI’s Statement of Financial Position as a liability account called “Fund Held for Others.” ASI shall exercise no budgetary or programmatic control over the use of funds held in agency accounts and therefore shall assume no liability for activities funded through the use of these funds.

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this policy, the terms used are defined as follows:

Term	Definition
Agency account	Money held by ASI in a trustee capacity for campus clubs and organizations. The money therein is raised by groups through fundraising activities not included as part of an ASI grant. Purchases and activities financed through agency accounts are not under the budgetary nor programmatic control of the ASI; nonetheless, the ASI does have a fiduciary obligation.
Associated Student Fees	The mandatory student body membership fees collected by the university on behalf of the Associated Students
Fund held for others	A balance sheet entry reflecting the total amount of funds held in trust by ASI for campus clubs and organizations.
Hold harmless	To absolve ASI from any responsibility for damage or other liability arising from the use of funds held in an agency account
Inactive account	An agency account for which there have been no transactions for one fiscal year
Indemnify	To reimburse ASI for losses suffered because of an organization's acts or default in connection with the use of funds held in an agency account.

STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

1.0 AGREEMENT FOR AGENCY ACCOUNT SERVICES

All agency accounts must have on file with the ASI Business Office and renew annually a completed "Application and Agreement for Agency Accounting Services". This agreement shall set forth the services provided and compensation due for the maintenance of Agency Accounts, as well as establish the limitations of the Associated Students, Incorporated liability for activities sponsored through the use of these funds. The establishment of agency accounts on behalf of university administrative and academic units shall be subject to the approval of the Division of Student Affairs.

Accounting services shall be provided in a manner consistent with the ASI policies and procedures, the CSU Trustees Manual of Policy and Procedure for Auxiliary Organizations, California Code of Regulations Title V, the Education Code and all applicable State, Trustees, University, and generally accepted accounting principles.

1.1 SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

All ASI agency accounts must have a minimum of one organization representative and one advisor authorized to sign on each account. There shall be a maximum of two organization representatives authorized on each account.

All student signatories on student organization accounts must be concurrently enrolled in classes at CSULB and a registered officer listed on the group's Organization Registration Card issued through the Office of Student Life and Development. The organization's Student Life and Development advisor shall serve as the approving signatory on the account.

2.0 DEPOSITS TO AGENCY ACCOUNTS

Deposits to agency accounts shall be made at the ASI Business Office Service Counter during posted operating hours. The ASI Business Office will issue a cash receipt to the organization upon deposit of funds.

2.1 DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Solicitation, acceptance, and deposit of donations and contributions are generally governed by university administrative procedures, and solicitation and acceptance of such gifts should be coordinated with the Division of University Relations and Development.

2.2 REVENUES GENERATED THROUGH USE OF ASSOCIATED STUDENTS FEES

All revenues generated by activities supported either in full or in part by the use of ASI fees must be deposited to and administered by the ASI Business Office. If the revenue represents the realization of a budgetary commitment, the funds shall be deposited into an ASI budget account. Otherwise, all deposits shall be made to an organization's agency account.

2.3 REVENUES GENERATED INDEPENDENTLY OF ASI SUPPORT

In accordance with CSU system-wide policy, all revenues generated independently of ASI support by student organizations must be deposited and administered on campus in either an ASI agency account or a CSULB Foundation account.

2.4 ASSOCIATED STUDENT FEES

At no time shall ASI fees be transferred to an agency account. At no time shall revenues generated as a fulfillment of a budgetary commitment be transferred to an agency account.

3.0 USE OF AGENCY FUNDS

3.1 USE OF CASH CONTRIBUTION REVENUE

Cash contribution revenue shall be used in a manner consistent with the intent and restrictions placed on the contribution by the donor. The Division of University Relations and Development shall advise the ASI Business Office of any such restrictions. The ASI Business Office shall be responsible for assuring compliance with the donor's intent and restrictions.

3.2 USE OF OTHER GENERATED REVENUE

All other revenue for which restrictions have not been indicated shall be treated by the Business Office as agency funds. By this definition, such funds shall not fall under the budgetary and programmatic control of the ASI and may be used for purposes otherwise prohibited by ASI policy, provided they are not otherwise prohibited by university or system-wide policy.

3.3 PROHIBITED USE OF AGENCY FUNDS

Agency funds may not be used to open or maintain off-campus or other unauthorized bank accounts. Accordingly, checks drawn on an agency account will never be made payable to the organization or any of its officers. However, a check may be made payable to an officer if the payment represents reimbursement for legitimate and documented organization expenses.

4.0 PURCHASING

Due to the fiduciary nature of the agency accounting relationship, the methods employed for the expenditure of funds from an ASI agency account shall be the same as those utilized for the expenditure of ASI funds (refer to ASI's Policy on Procurement). The documentation necessary for disbursement of agency funds shall be consistent with these procedures with the exception of competitive bidding requirements. Competitive bidding requirements shall not apply to agency accounts unless otherwise required by the organization establishing the account.

4.1 PURCHASING RESTRICTIONS

Except as otherwise prohibited by university policy, the purchasing provisions of ASI's Policy on Student Organization Grants shall not apply to agency accounts.

4.2 OVER EXPENDITURE OF AGENCY ACCOUNTS

The ASI Business Office shall not process any requests for expenditure on an agency account at the point of depletion or overdraft of funds. Any expenditure which causes an agency account to become overdrawn will constitute a financial obligation due to the ASI. ASI shall initiate standard collection procedures against the authorized signatories on the agency account until the overdraft is corrected.

5.0 SURVEY OF INACTIVE ACCOUNTS

If for one fiscal year there are no transactions on an agency account, the balance in the agency account will be transferred to a suspense account. Notification of impending transfers will be issued to the last known authorized signatories of the agency account prior to the transfer. Failure to respond to the notice will result in the transfer.

Funds will be held in the suspense account for a period not to exceed two years, after which they will be transferred to the Agency Account for Student Life and Development – Student Organization Support.

6.0 TAX STATUS OF AGENCY ACCOUNT HOLDERS

The acceptance and performance of an agency accounting agreement do not express the conference of tax-exempt status upon the organization creating the account.

7.0 LIABILITY FOR ACTIVITIES FUNDED FROM AGENCY ACCOUNTS

To the extent that the Associated Students, Incorporated has no budgetary and programmatic control over the use of funds held in agency accounts, the organization creating the account:

1. Shall indemnify and hold harmless the Associated Students, Incorporated, its officers, agents and employees from all losses, costs, damages of any nature or description whatsoever, accruing or resulting

2. to the organization in connection with all activities sponsored in part or whole through the use of funds held by the ASI
3. Indemnify and hold harmless the ASI, its officers, agents, and employees from all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm, or corporation who may be injured or damaged by the organization, its officers, agents, and employees in the performance of all activities sponsored in part or whole through the use of funds held with the ASI.

8.0 CLOSURE OF AGENCY ACCOUNTS

Agency accounts may be closed and agreements terminated upon delivery of written notice thereof. ASI will remit the account balance within seven business days. Remittance of agency account balances will be made payable to the CSULB Research Foundation, 49er Foundation, Student Life and Development, or California State University, Long Beach. This is to ensure that the funds are not deposited into an unauthorized bank account.

FORMS

The following forms are to be used in the execution of this policy.

Form Name	Purpose	Responsible Office	Approved By	Timeline for Submission
Application and Agreement for Agency Accounting Services	To establish and agency account with the ASI Business Office and indicate acceptance of the term and conditions of agency account services	ASI Business Office	ASI Director of Finance	Submit before initial deposit to the account and renew annually