

Mandatory Student Fees

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Purpose

A significant portion of Associated Students, Incorporated revenues is derived from mandatory student fees. Pursuant to Education Code Section 89300 and 89304, all students pay these fees, regardless of the number of units taken and irrespective of whether an individual student benefits from ASI programs or services. The involuntary nature of this arrangement places a special obligation on the ASI to observe numerous laws, statutes, and regulations imposed by federal, state and campus authorities.

ASI recognizes that it has a compelling obligation to support the role of higher education in promoting discussion and debate of controversial ideas and topics. Provided that such discussion and debate is germane to the educational mission of the university, the ASI endeavors to impose no restriction on the use of mandatory student fees which unduly constrains freedom of expression in funded programs and services.

The purpose of the Mandatory Student Fee Policy is to establish a clear understanding between the Associated Students, Incorporated and budget area representatives of the policies and objectives governing the use of revenues derived from mandatory student fees.

Policy Statement

It is the policy of the ASI to observe lawful restrictions on the use of mandatory student fees through means that do not inhibit discussion and debate germane to the educational mission of the university. This policy shall apply to all mandatory student fees over which the Associated Students, Incorporated has budgetary and programmatic authority.

Who Should Know This Policy

- Budget Area Administrators
- Elected/Appointed Officers
- Grant Recipients
- Management Personnel
- Program Advisors
- Staff
- Supervisors
- Volunteers

Definitions

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

Term	Definition
Mandatory Student Fees	The Associated Students fee and the University Student Union fee
Title V	Title V of the California Code of Regulations

Regulations

1.0 Approved Uses of Mandatory Student Fees

The principle underlying the allocation and subsequent expenditure of Associated Students funds collected through mandatory fees is that such expenditures shall be made in programs that reflect the broadest variety of student interests and that are open to all students who wish to participate. Pursuant to Title 5, Section 42659 of the California Code of Regulations, funds obtained from mandatory fees may be expended for the following programs:

- 1) Programs of cultural and educational enrichment and community service
- 2) Recreational and social activities
- 3) Support of the University Student Union
- 4) Scholarships, stipends, and grants-in-aid for only currently enrolled students in accordance with provisions of Section 42500, subdivision (d) of Title V
- 5) Tutorial programs
- 6) Athletic programs, both intramural and intercollegiate
- 7) Student publications
- 8) Assistance to recognized student organizations
- 9) Student travel insurance
- 10) Administration of student fee program

- 11) Student government-scholarship stipends, grants-in-aid, and reimbursements to student officers for service to student government
- 12) Student employment to provide payment for services in connection with the general administration of student fees
- 13) Augmentation of counseling services, including draft information, to be performed by the campus. Such counseling may also include counseling on legal matters to the extent of helping the student determine whether he should retain legal counsel, and of referring him to legal counsel through a bar association, legal aid foundation or similar body.
- 14) Transportation services
- 15) Child day care centers for children of students and employees of the campus
- 16) Augmentation of campus health services

2.0 Assistance to Student Organizations

ASI shall not provide financial support to organizations external to the corporation; the ASI funds programs, not organizations. ASI shall, however, provide grants of money to support programs and activities produced by student organizations for the benefit of the student body. ASI shall not consider these grants to be a form of financial support. Grants shall be restrictively administered by ASI and provide recipient organizations with only limited discretion in purchasing and expenditure decisions.

2.1 Off-Campus Events

Student organization programs funded by ASI must be conducted under the supervision of campus personnel who have been delegated authority and responsibility for student affairs by the campus President. This authority is most effectively exercised when programs and activities take place on campus grounds. Therefore, mandatory student fees shall not be used for student organization programs or activities occurring off-campus. Exceptions to this policy shall be made on a case-by-case basis. A principal factor in making these decisions is the degree to which the proposed activity contributes to the educational and leadership development objectives of the university.

3.0 Support of University Programs

The following guidelines have been established to assist the Associated Students in the consideration of funding requests from divisions and units of California State University, Long Beach. Only those programs which meet the following six criteria will be eligible for consideration.

- 1) The Associated Students will consider requests for funding University-sponsored programs only if they are administered through the Division of Student Services.
- 2) Unless the Associated Students is granted the authority for exercising administrative control, no A.S. fees will be allocated for administrative expense.
- 3) To be eligible for funding, a University-sponsored program must provide a direct benefit to CSULB students consistent with the mission of the Associated Students.

- 4) Access to and eligibility for participation in the proposed program must be consistent with Title V, Division 5, Chapter 1, Subchapter 4, Article 4 "Nondiscrimination in Student Organizations".
- 5) The programs for which funds will be used must be consistent with Title V, Section 42500 "Functions of Auxiliary Organizations".
- 6) The proposed expenditures of the University-sponsored program must be consistent with Title V, Section 42659 "Approved Uses of Student Body Organization Funds".

Forms

There are no forms associated with the execution of this policy.