



ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE

ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY GOVERNMENT

CODE OF ETHICS

PART I

We, the Associated Student Body Government of AHC, respect the dignity and rights of all people. We recognize that all people deserve respect regardless of their cultural background, ethnicity, race, religious beliefs, political ideologies, disabilities, sexual orientation, age, or socioeconomic status.

We will avoid using any personal power we may possess (such as physical, intellectual, academic, sexual, racial, or social) to exploit or intimidate others. We will refrain from giving others our unwarranted personal attention if it is not welcome.

If it is necessary to publicly challenge the beliefs or actions of any individual, we will strive to do so with respect and sensitivity, and will attempt to preserve the dignity of that person. We will accept the challenge of attempting at all times to build people up rather than tear them down. This applies to our treatment of each other and of those around us.

We recognize that being a member of this organization involves participating in an environment by which freedom of expression is of paramount importance to ensure total student input on the policy depictions and the free exchange of ideas. We also realize the need to demonstrate respect for our fellow Board members, students and staff of our college when making public comments about colleagues and students.

While it is recognized that dual relationships may exist among board members, i.e. husband/wife, sibling, boy/girlfriend, it is expected that individuals will not attempt to influence any decision made by the other party to said relationship. It is further expected that individuals involved in such relationships would abstain on any issue involving any proceedings regarding each other, in order to avoid any possible conflict of interest or illusion of impropriety. Although we may have a variety of relationships with colleagues or others, individual members will not demonstrate favoritism or deferential treatment to the aforementioned in meetings. We shall not exploit colleagues or others for any reason.

We will not make false statements that may have a negative impact on the Associated Student Body, nor will we knowingly make false statements regarding fellow class members, the student body, and the faculty/staff of Allan Hancock College, which may directly or indirectly cause harm to those individuals.

PART II

We, the Associated Student Body Government, strive for honesty in representing all students in our college. We value a process that includes motivation, representation through honest and open debate, and through the total documentation of all actions, positions, and decisions that the board may take. We will facilitate the representation process by providing for a comprehensive system of making information available to all students within Allan Hancock College.

We will strive to maintain proper dissemination of our minutes and agendas to all members of the Allan Hancock College community, thus ensuring compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Further, we will strive to remain open-minded, intellectually resilient, and willing to entertain and evaluate positions other than our own. By maintaining this posture, we ensure that our personal beliefs are not imposed upon other people, and we encourage debate without penalty.

PART III

As members of the Associated Student Body Government we will always consider carefully the consequences of our actions; in order to protect the integrity of the process by which actions are taken and to protect the overall mission of our organization.

We recognize that sometimes constituents will offer gifts and/or favors to gain our support. We shall decline such gifts whether or not they involve substantive material gain, labor or energy, or when colleagues or others could construe the gift as an attempt to curry favor.

We will give due regard to our role as students by maintaining our educational goals and promoting the idea of high academic achievement and success.

We will always guard against anything that might compromise our ability to complete the tasks which we were elected to accomplish.

When we speak or act on behalf of the ASBG, we will ensure that anything we say or do accurately reflects the opinions of the ASBG. Further, any ASBG member or board member making false statements may be subject to disciplinary action, including removal from the board.

When we speak or act as private individuals, we will avoid creating the impression that we speak or act for the Associated Student Body, unless otherwise directed by the Associated Student Body Government board or as stated in the governing documents.

We will refrain from any illegal activities while participating in any school function or while acting as a representative of Allan Hancock College. Furthermore, we will refrain from alcohol consumption while participating in any school function or while acting as a representative of Allan Hancock College.

Anyone found to be in violation of the Code of Ethics will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Associated Student Body Government of Allan Hancock College, and the guidelines for Student Conduct.

This document can be amended by a 2/3 vote by the board.

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