

Associated Students Senate

ASCSM Student Senate

Purpose	<p>The ASCSM Student Senate, in accordance with the California Education Code and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, is the recognized representative of the students of College of San Mateo to the Administration and Board of Trustees. The Student Senate is the officially recognized student voice in matters of participatory governance, policy development, and campus dialogue. The Student Senate is also responsible for advocating for the student voice locally, statewide, and nationally, and for promoting an engaging academic, cultural, and social environment on campus.</p>
Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Associated Students have the sole right to make appointments for their student representatives to College and District committees, task forces, or other governance groups.• The Associated Students will be provided an opportunity to participate in formulation and development of District and College policies and procedures that have or will have a significant effect on students. This right includes the opportunity to participate in processes for jointly developing recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding such policies and procedures.• Except in unforeseeable emergency situations, the Board of Trustees shall not take action on a matter having a significant effect on students until it has provided students with an opportunity to participate in the formation of the policy or procedure or the joint development of recommendations regarding the action. District and College policies and procedures that have or will have a “significant effect on students” include the following:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. grading policies;b. codes of student conduct;c. academic disciplinary policies;d. curriculum development;e. courses or programs which should be initiated or discontinued;f. formulation of policies and procedures concerning graduation requirements;g. processes for institutional planning and budget development;h. standards and policies regarding student preparation and success;i. student services planning and development;j. student fees within the authority of the District to adopt; andk. any other District and College policy, procedure, or related matter that the District governing board determines will have a significant effect on students.• The Board of Trustees will give reasonable consideration to recommendations and positions developed by students regarding District and College policies and procedures pertaining to the hiring and evaluation of faculty, administration, and staff.• Provide funding and support for campus events and activities, including those sponsored by an ASCSM Board, campus clubs and organizations, and college departments and programs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate locally, statewide, and nationally on issues that pertain to students and education. <p><i>See Board Policy 2.18 for additional information.</i></p>
Recommends to	College President and/or Board of Trustees
Membership	Members of the Student Senate are elected each spring for the following academic year. Students must have and maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA, be enrolled in 6.0 units at CSM, maintain satisfactory academic progress (a 50 percent or greater completion rate) and not be on academic probation, disciplinary probation, or
Officers and Senators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Vice President Finance Director Secretary (ex officio) One (1) Senator for each 650 students enrolled (currently 16) <p><i>See the ASCSM Constitution and Bylaws for more information.</i></p>
Meetings and Agendas	<p>The Student Senate meets every Monday at 2:15 p.m. during the fall and spring semesters. During the summer session, the Student Senate meets every other week.</p> <p>Members of the campus community may request an item be placed on the Student Senate agenda. The ASCSM President and Executive Cabinet review proposals to make sure they fall within the Student Senate's purview. The Student Senate also considers club proposals forwarded from the Inter Club Council (ICC).</p> <p>Meetings agendas include an opportunity for reports from officers, senators, college administration, advisors, and public comment.</p> <p>Agendas are posted online at</p>
Brown Act	Yes
Type of decision making	Robert's Rules of Order
Accreditation Standards/ Institutional Priorities	<p>Board Policy 2.18</p> <p>Title V, section 51023.7</p>