

January 29th, 2018

To the Board of the Associated Students of Gavilan College,

The current state of fundraising on Gavilan College for clubs is one in which clubs are frustrated. With each week that passes in the semester due to the requirement for another layer of bureaucracy it becomes harder and harder to hold a simple fundraiser on campus. Many clubs wish to be active but find it difficult to read between the layers of guidelines and then wait, waiting weeks at a time, for when they could actively be engaging club members and fundraising. While there is a need for fairness and tracking of events each semester. The current state has left some considering closing their clubs on campus and all affiliation with ASGC, as it is too much of a hassle to be productive in the limited time we have between classes.

Last semester should a club have wanted to hold a Xmas the Form would have had to be turned in before Halloween to get on hopefully the November 3rd agenda, hope there was quorum, and then get the vote approved. Should they have not met that deadline, it would have been virtually impossible for a club to fundraise the last 2 months of the semester. Few if any clubs can function with this type of planning as many clubs are trying to simply students involved, and with each less event to keep them engaged it becomes more difficult.

Currently the ASGC Fundraiser Approval Form lists to State Regulations(text below) as to why the ASGC needs to approve requests, these definitions I believe are misrepresented.

ARTICLE 2. Student Organizations [48930 - 48938]

(Article 2 enacted by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1010.)

48932.

The governing board of any school district may authorize any organization composed entirely of pupils attending the schools of the district to maintain such activities, including fund-raising activities, as may be approved by the governing board.

The governing board of any school district may, by resolution, authorize any student body organization to conduct fund-raising activities on school property during school hours provided that the governing board has determined that such activities will not interfere with the normal conduct of the schools.

ARTICLE 4. Student Organizations [76060 - 76067]

(Article 4 enacted by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1010.)

76062.

The governing board of a community college district may authorize any organization composed entirely of students attending the colleges of the district to maintain any activities, including fundraising activities, as may be approved by the governing board.

Both articles from my understanding grant the District (California Community College Student Affairs Association Region 4) the ability to allow individual Community Colleges in their region the permission to allow fundraising, similar to a K-12 School District (GUSD, MHUSD). The legislation was never intended to be implemented in the manner that Gavilan's ASGC is currently using it.

By a simple change to the Fundraising Event Process and Event Approval Form clubs can be helped in streamlining their fundraising endeavors, relieve any time stress they may feel, and hopefully allow more frequent fundraising. My proposed change will still allow a similar governance as it is now just without the voting process, also alleviating the ASGC of what I feel is unneeded burden on your already busy agenda.

By allowing a simple majority signature request approval by ASGC President, ASGC Advisor, Gavilan Student Life Coordinator, and the ASGC Vice President of Clubs. 3 of the 4 signatures should be sufficient to allow a club to have an event.

Other Background Information (such as other campus clubs that have held similar events):

Signatures of Club Representative _____ and Advisor _____

Fundraiser Approval Process

Approved	Denied	Date	Signature	ASGC Officer
				ASGC President
				ASGC Advisor
				Student Life Coordinator
				ASGC Vice President of Clubs

(Please Check)

Each of these individuals has an in-depth awareness of the calendar, the clubs, and any issues an event may have. The form can still be filed after approval and added to the calendar by the ASGC VP of Clubs and all other event processes within the ASGC Campus Fundraiser Policy can proceed. My proposal just negates the need for ASGC Board Meeting Agenda Items and a formal Board Vote.

By allowing the streamlining of the approval process via a simple majority signature form you will be allowing the flexibility of clubs to fundraise independent of ASGC's schedule. You will be making a public statement to clubs this semester that you're listening to their frustrations and acting to assist them. Also, your Agenda will be free of what I feel is a step in the fundraising process that benefits neither clubs or the ASGC Board.

Regards,

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