

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
POLICY ON ATTENDEE CONDUCT AT THE STUDENT SENATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Background

In providing annual funding and administrative support for the operation of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges, including contracting with hotel vendors to secure venues for the fall and spring General Assemblies, the Chancellor's Office bears responsibility for ensuring that actions of attendees do not expose the Board of Governors or the California Community Colleges system to financial liabilities or unnecessary criticism resulting from illegal or inappropriate conduct. To that end, this policy delineates the minimum standards of expected conduct.

Scope

All attendees of the General Assembly for whom colleges apply local requirements are accountable to their college's Code of Conduct and District Travel Policy, which may include requirements that exceed those of this policy. All attendees are also expected to abide by the minimum standards of conduct set forth below. In addition, specific practices are prohibited.

Basic Philosophy of Responsible Conduct

- A. The concern of each participant for the rights of every individual is essential. Each participant is responsible for their actions at all times. It is essential for all attendees to act responsibly to ensure that their own conduct and attitude is beneficial to themselves and their fellow participants.
- B. All attendees are expected to act in a respectful manner, in both language and action, when interacting with other students and advisors, as well as hotel staff and guests.
- C. All facilities placed at the disposal of attendees are to be given the greatest care and attention.

Prohibited practices

- a. Consumption of alcohol
- b. Possession or use of illegal drugs
- c. Possession of any firearm, illegal knife, explosive or other weapon
- d. Assault, or deliberate physical injury to another person
- e. Sexual harassment
- f. Violation of hotel rules and/or policies
- g. Disruptive behavior, or the open and persistent defiance or persistent verbal abuse of responsible college personnel or liaisons
- h. Discrimination against any individual on the basis of race, ethnicity, age, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical and/or mental disability, or political ideologies.

Response to Violations

- All attendees will be held personally responsible for any damages they cause to any facility while attending this event.
- Any violation of the Prohibited Practices may result in immediate dismissal from the event, further disciplinary action by your college, and/or notification of local authorities. Individuals who are dismissed for conduct violations will not receive a refund of conference registration fees.

**CERTIFICATION OF AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES POLICY ON
ATTENDEE CONDUCT AT THE STUDENT SENATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Agreement

I understand that as an attendee at the Student Senate General Assembly, which is a state-supported event, I am expected to conduct myself in a responsible manner. I also understand that should my college apply local requirements I will also be accountable to my college's Code of Conduct and District Travel Policy, which may include requirements that exceed those of this policy. I further agree to the following:

- 1) I will not engage in the following prohibited practices:
 - a. Consumption of alcohol
 - b. Possession or use of illegal drugs
 - c. Possession of any firearm, illegal knife, explosive or other weapon
 - d. Assault, or deliberate physical injury to another person
 - e. Sexual harassment
 - f. Violation of hotel rules and/or policies
 - g. Disruptive behavior, or the open and persistent defiance or persistent verbal abuse of responsible college personnel or liaisons
 - h. Discrimination against any individual on the basis of race, ethnicity, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical and/or mental disability, or political ideologies.
- 2) I understand that I am personally responsible for any damages I cause to any facility while attending the event and that I will not hold the SSCCC or the State of California liable for any damages or injuries that occur as a result of my attendance.
- 3) I understand that depending on the nature of the violation of this policy and the circumstances, the Chancellor's Office will attempt to notify my advisor and may take any or all of the following actions:
 - Immediate dismissal from the event.
 - Request for hotel security to intervene.
 - Notification of local authorities.
- 4) I understand if I am dismissed from the event that neither the Chancellor's Office or the Student Senate will be responsible for any expenses incurred in my transportation home, and that I will not receive a refund of conference registration fees.
- 5) I understand that the Chancellor's Office may refer any violation of this agreement to any college official, and that further disciplinary action on my campus may follow.

In enforcement of this policy the Chancellor's Office will seek to resolve any situation with the least intervention necessary, but will take whatever measures are required to protect the health and safety of attendees and the interests of the Board of Governors.

Name: _____ College: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____