# AP 5410 Associated Students of Gavilan College (ASGC) ~~Body (ASB)~~ Elections

**Reference:**

Education Code Section 76061

The Associated Students shall conduct annual elections to elect officers.

Any student elected as an officer in the Associated Students of Gavilan College (ASGC) ~~Body (ASB)~~shall meet the requirements in BP 5410.

The ASGC ~~Associated Student~~ *~~Body~~* shall conduct annual elections to elect members.

Any student elected as a member of the ASGC ~~Associated Student Body~~ shall meet the requirements established by the Board approved ASGC ~~ASB~~ Constitution and Bylaws.

**Membership Requirements, Election of Members, Appointments, and Election Process**

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Membership Requirements:

Candidates must be registered in a minimum of five (5) units, hold an accumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, and must be current ASGC Cardholders (Article II, Section 2).

Election of Members:

Members will be elected by the general student body to serve one (1) term commencing on the first day of June following the election. Member candidates seeking election must complete the ASGC Senate application including the signatures of one hundred seventy-five (175) for officers and seventy-five (75) for senators of currently registered students. Student Trustee candidates seeking election must complete the ASGC Senate application including the signatures of ten percent (10%) of the total enrollment from the most recent fall semester in accordance with the California Education Code. (Write in candidates for the Student Trustee position is not allowed.) Elected members will serve from the time of appointment until May 31. All member positions are required to reapply for the spring elections should they chose to continue in ASGC (Article II, Section 3).

Appointment of Members:

Appointed members will serve from the time of appointment until May 31. Appointed officers and senators who wish to continue in ASGC the next term must do not need to obtain new signatures, but must complete a new application form. Officer and senator candidates may submit an application for the election and to join for the remainder of the spring semester. Prior to appointment, ASGC candidates are required to attend one (1) ASGC Senate meeting on time. This rule may be waived if the ASGC Senate is trying to establish quorum with vacant positions (Article II, Section 4)

Election Process:

Election

An election committee shall be chaired by the Vice President of Community Outreach and overseen by the ASGC advisor. All petitions for office must be received at least ten (10) open school days (not including weekends or holidays) prior to the first day of balloting. Elections shall be held no later than the last two (2) weeks of April, except for special elections. Elections shall be made available to all Gavilan students (Article III, Section 1).

Campaigning

No campaigning in the ASGC office at any time. Campaign posters and advertising will adhere to the Gavilan College and ASGC posting policies. An election forum or other means of announcing candidates and their views may be held at least five (5) election days (not including weekends or holidays) prior to the election to allow each candidate to express his/her views and opinions to the college community. All candidates who have followed established election procedure may utilize a fact sheet and photo to campaign. Election committee shall approve candidate fact sheets. Deadlines will be posted on the ASGC website and ASGC office prior to election.

Employees of Gavilan College and members of the Board of Trustees shall refrain from endorsing any candidate or campaigning in student elections (Article III, Section 2).

Election Results

Candidates must receive a majority of the votes cast in order to win. If no candidate receives a majority, the two students receiving the highest number of votes shall run in a runoff election. Write-in candidates will only be considered official candidates for a runoff election if they receive at least 25% of the total votes cast in the election, except for the Student Trustee position, in which a special election will then be enacted. An election may be protested by any student if an alleged violation of the election procedures occurs. Protests are to be submitted to the ASGC Senate within five (5) school days (not including weekends and holidays) of the alleged violation. The ASGC Senate will determine the outcome (Article III, Section 3).

Term limits, vacancies, removal of members, and resignations shall be held in accordance to the ASGC bylaws Article II Sections 1 – 8.