



# Associated Students

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As the recognized student body governing organization, Associated Students, California State University, Fresno provides a means for effective student participation in the governance of the university, fosters awareness of student opinions on campus issues, assists in the protection of students' rights, and provides programs and services to meet the needs of the students and campus community.

The Associated Students Leadership Team comprises three separate branches of government. The executive officers include the following: president, executive vice president, and vice president of finance. Fifteen senators are elected either as representatives of their academic college/school or as at-large senators. There are eight academic representatives: agricultural sciences and technology, arts and humanities, business, education, engineering, health and human services, science and mathematics, and social sciences.

The at-large senators are responsible for activities and projects related to specific campus constituencies and issues, such as student organizations, activities, and parking.

The third branch is the Student Court, comprising a chief justice, vice chief justice, and associate justices. The Court makes rulings on actions taken by executives and senators.

## How Do I Become a Member of Associated Students?

Enrolled students who pay campus fees at Fresno State are automatically members of the Associated Students. Students can get involved in Associated Students programs, services, and governance by contacting the Associated Students office or by visiting the Web site listed above.

The per-semester student body fee supports programs such as campus publications, recreation and intra-



mural sports activities, and student organizations, as well as provides for the day-to-day operations of student government.

## How do I get involved?

There are many exciting opportunities for involvement in Associated Students. Please visit the Associated Students' Web site or call the office for more information.

## Programs and Services

Within the annual operating budget, funds are allocated to student organizations, intramural and club sports, programs and services, and education initiatives.

- **Student Clubs and Organizations**

**Funding.** The annual budgeting process for student groups gives organizations an opportunity to request funds for speakers, promotional and publicity, entertainment performers, and more. In 2006-2007, \$110,000 was budgeted for recognized student clubs and organizations.

- **Educational Research and Project Grants.**

Educational Research and Project Grants (ERPG) offer financial support to both graduate and undergraduate research projects (under faculty supervision) in all

academic disciplines. See the Associated Students' office for details.

- **Instructionally Related Activities.**

This program, which is administered by Associated Students, provides funding for activities and laboratory experiences that are partially sponsored by an academic program, discipline, or department and that are integrally related to Associated Students' instructional offerings. More than \$200,000 was allocated in the 2005-2006 school year. Applications are available at the Web site. For more information, contact Associated Students.

- **Student Insurance Programs.**

All Fresno State students are eligible to enroll in the student insurance programs offered, which include a comprehensive medical program and dental/vision plan. Information about the programs and the companies providing them is available through the Associated Students.

- **Campus Activities.**

Associated Students contributes money to campus activities in which all students are encouraged to participate. These include the intramural and recreational sports programs, the University Lecture Series, multicultural festivals, and more. ♦