

ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations Code of Ethics

Preamble

The mission of the BC Student Government is rooted in a set of core values. These core values, embraced by all student government officers throughout history of service, are the foundation of student government officers' unique purpose and perspective:

- Servant leadership
- Social justice
- Dignity and worth of the person
- Importance of human relationships
- Integrity
- Competence

Purpose of the ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations Code of Ethics

Professional ethics are at the core of ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers' service. The service on ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations needs to articulate its basic values, ethical principles, and ethical standards. The *Code* is relevant to all ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations Officers and student servant leaders, regardless of their positions, the settings in which they work, or the populations they serve.

The ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations Code of Ethics serves the following purposes:

1. The *Code* identifies core values on which ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations & Student Clubs and Organizations mission is based.

2. The *Code* summarizes broad ethical principles that reflect the ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations core values and establishes a set of specific ethical standards that should be used to guide the ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers during their service on ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations & Student Clubs and Organizations Boards.
3. The *Code* provides ethical standards to which the students at large and the college administration can hold the ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers accountable.

* The *Code* offers a set of values, principles, and standards to guide decision making and conduct when ethical issues arise. It does not provide a set of rules that prescribe how the ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers should act in all situations. Specific applications of the *Code* must take into account the context in which it is being considered and the possibility of conflicts among the *Code's* values, principles, and standards.

Further, the *ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations Code of Ethics* does not specify which values, principles, and standards are most important and ought to outweigh others in instances when they conflict. Reasonable differences of opinion can and do exist among ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers with respect to the ways in which values, ethical principles, and ethical standards should be rank ordered when they conflict. Ethical decision making in a given situation must apply the informed judgment of the individual officer and should also consider how the issues would be judged in a peer review process where the ethical standards would be applied.

Ethical Principles

The following broad ethical principles are based on social work's core values of service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence. These principles set forth ideals to which all social workers should aspire.

Value: *Service*

Ethical Principle: *ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers' primary goal is to present and protect the interest of all students at large and individuals in need and to address and solve problems when they arise.*

ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers must elevate service to others above self-interest. All officers draw on their knowledge, values, and skills to help people in need and to address problems when they arise. All officers are encouraged to volunteer some portion of their professional skills with no expectation of financial return (pro bono service).

Value: *Dignity and Worth of the Person*

Ethical Principle: *ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations respect the inherent dignity and worth of the person.*

ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers treat each person in a caring and respectful fashion, mindful of individual differences and cultural and ethnic diversity. They seek to resolve conflicts being consistent with the values, ethical principles, and ethical standards of their service.

Value: *Importance of Human Relationships*

Ethical Principle: *ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers recognize the importance of human relationships.*

ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers understand that relationships between and among people are an important vehicle for change. All officers engage people as partners in the helping process and seek to strengthen relationships among people in a purposeful effort to promote, restore, maintain, and enhance the well-being of individuals, families, clubs and organizations, and communities on which they serve.

Value: *Integrity*

Ethical Principle: *ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers behave in a trustworthy manner.*

ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers are continually aware of their organizations mission, values, ethical principles, and ethical standards and practice in a manner consistent with them. All officers act honestly and responsibly and promote ethical practices on the part of the organizations which they represent.

Value: *Competence*

Ethical Principle: *ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers practice within their areas of competence and develop and enhance their professional expertise.*

ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers continually strive to increase their professional knowledge and skills and to apply them in practice. All officers should aspire to contribute to the knowledge base of the servant leadership.

Ethical Standards

The following ethical standards are relevant to the activities of all ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers. These standards concern (1) All officers' ethical responsibilities to students at large, (2) All officers' ethical responsibilities to each other, (3) All officers' ethical responsibilities in practice settings, (4) All officers' ethical responsibilities as servant leaders, and (5) All officers' ethical responsibilities to the broader society.

1. ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations Officers' Ethical Responsibilities to all Students at large

- Commitment to Student at large
- Self-Determination
- Informed Decisions making and quality of service
- Cultural Competence and Social Diversity
- Conflicts of Interest
- Privacy and Confidentiality
- Access to Records
- Sexual Relationships
- Physical Contact
- Sexual Harassment
- Derogatory Language
- Payment for Services

2. ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations Officers' Ethical Responsibilities to each other

- Respect
- Confidentiality
- Interdisciplinary Collaboration
- Disputes Involving Colleagues
- Consultation
- Referral for Services
- Sexual Harassment
- Incompetence of Colleagues
- Unethical Conduct of Colleagues

3. ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations Officers' Ethical Responsibilities in Practice Settings

- Supervision and Consultation
- Education and Training
- Performance Evaluation
- Client Records
- Client Transfer
- College Administration
- Continuing Education and Staff Development
- Commitments to Employers
- Labor-Management Disputes

4. ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations Officers ' Ethical Responsibilities as servant leaders

- 4.01 Competence
- 4.02 Discrimination
- 4.03 Private Conduct
- 4.04 Dishonesty, Fraud, and Deception
- 4.05 Impairment
- 4.06 Misrepresentation
- 4.08 Acknowledging Credit

5. ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations Officers' Ethical Responsibilities to the Broader Society

- Public Participation
- Public Emergencies
- Social and Political Action

(a) ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations Officers should engage in social and political action that seeks to ensure that all students have equal access to the resources, services, and opportunities they require to meet their basic school and social needs and to develop fully. All officers should be aware of the impact of the political arena on practice and should advocate for changes in policy and legislation to improve social conditions in order to meet basic human needs and promote social justice.

(b) ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers should act to expand choice and opportunity for all students, with special regard for vulnerable, disadvantaged, and less fortunate students and groups.

(c) ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers should promote conditions that encourage respect for cultural and social diversity within the United States and globally. All officers should promote policies and practices that demonstrate respect for difference, support the expansion of cultural knowledge and resources, advocate for programs and institutions that demonstrate cultural competence, and promote policies that safeguard the rights of and confirm equity and social justice for all people.

(d) ASG & Student Clubs and Organizations officers should act to prevent and eliminate domination of, exploitation of, and discrimination against any person, group, or class on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, political belief, religion, or mental or physical disability.