

## **Associated Students of Evergreen Valley College (ASEVC)**

### **Code of Ethics: 8000 Series**

*Section 8001: We respect the dignity and rights of all people and strive to treat all with fairness*

- A. We recognize that all people deserve respect regardless of their cultural background, ethnicity, race, religious beliefs, disabilities, sexual orientation, age , gender or socioeconomic status.
- B. We are careful to avoid using any personal power we may possess (whether it be physical, intellectual, academic, sexual, racial, or social) to exploit or intimidate other people.
- C. When it is necessary and appropriate to publicly challenged beliefs or actions of a person, we strive to do so with sensitivity. We accept the challenge of attempting at all times to empower people rather than tear them down. This applies to our treatment of each other and those around us, whether the setting is business or social.
- D. We recognize that being a member of this organization involves participating in an environment by which freedom of expression is of paramount importance to ensure student input on policy and free exchange of ideas. We also realize the need to demonstrate respect for our fellow ASEVC Officers as well as to all students of EVC.
- E. We are careful to uphold our duties and responsibilities to the ASEVC and will maintain boundaries between personal and professional affairs

*Section 8002: We strive for honesty in representing Evergreen Valley College students using a process that includes stimulating representation through honest and open debate; and through the complete and accurate documentation of all ASEVC actions, positions, and decisions.*

- A. We strive to maintain proper dissemination of our minutes and agendas, thus ensuring compliance with Brown Act.
- B. We strive to remain open-minded, intellectually resilient, and willing to entertain and evaluate positions at all times.

*Section 8003: We will always consider carefully the consequences of our actions; in order to protect the integrity of the process by which actions are taken, and to protect the overall mission of our organization as stated in our constitution.*

- A. Although we may have of variety of relationships with colleagues or others, we may never demonstrate favouritism or differential treatment to the any of the aforementioned in any meetings.
- B. We do not exploit colleagues or others for personal or professional gain.

- C. We should give due regard to our role as students by maintaining our educational goals. We must promote the idea of high academic achievement and success. We must always guard against anything that might compromise our ability to complete the tasks our constituents elected us to accomplish.
- D. Finally, when any of us speak or act as a private person, we should avoid creating the impression that we speak or act for the whole of ASEVC, unless otherwise directed by the whole ASEVC as detailed in Right to Act within the ASEVC Bylaws.

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