

RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Purpose of this document is to formalize policy guidance designated to reduce or eliminate losses to which Associated Students of San Francisco State University (AS) may be exposed, through the process of risk identification, evaluation and control. Whether occurring on or off-campus, the activities of AS are susceptible to varying degrees of risk. To ensure that risks arising out of these activities are anticipated, managed and mitigated, the AS has established a risk management process.

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy outlines the process that is designed to protect the safety of all staff, students, and visitors as well as preserve the AS physical property in accordance with the California State University Guidelines. The Risk Management Policy is designed for AS to operate in a way that protects the health, safety, and security of clients,

staff members, and volunteers while lifting up the organization’s mission and safeguarding assets needed for mission-critical programs and activities

APPLICABILITY TO THE POLICY

This policy applies to all AS BOD and Staff. The implementation of the AS Risk Management Policy is a shared responsibility by the AS BOD, AS Staff and appropriate SF State Staff. It is the responsibility of management to ensure that all AS employees are aware of this policy and remain committed to its implementation. In order to ensure proper maintenance and implementation of this program, the AS will seek advice, information and coordination from, as well as work in concert with the offices of the Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Office of the Vice President for Administration and Finance, Office of Risk Management, Office of Human Resources, and the University Police Department.

DEFINITIONS

Terms	Definition
Associated Students (AS)	The student government as San Francisco State University which serves as the official voice of students. AS promotes an enriched co-curricular student life experience and is dedicated to the empowerment of SF State’s diverse student body through a commitment to social justice and shared governance. AS provides and supports services and programs, maintains fiduciary responsibility, and engages in campus-wide collaborations and external advocacy efforts.
Board of Directors (BOD)	The student body of elected or appointed members who oversee and approve the activities of Associated Students at San Francisco State University.
AS Associate Executive Director for Business Administration and Finance (AEDBAF)	This position is directly responsible for the fiscal, administrative, risk management and fundraising operations of the organization. This includes the development of a financial and operational strategy, metrics tied to the at strategy, and the ongoing development and monitoring of control systems designed to preserve company assets and report accurate financial results.
AS Assistant Director of Human Resources (AEDHR)	This position oversees the development and implementation of human resources policies, programs and services. The AEDHR engages in the strategic planning process and fosters a workplace environment consistent with the values and mission of AS delivering value added services to management and employees.
AS Assistant Director of Facilities and Operations (AEDFO)	This position oversees all functions associated with facility planning, construction, maintenance, safety, hazardous and environmental matters of the buildings in which the AS operates. They are responsible for the ongoing development of the Facilities and Operations infrastructure and strategic planning.
AS Assistant Director of Programs (AEDP)	This position oversees the planning, development, and implementation of active co-curriculum for students throughout the departments associated with AS.

California State University Risk Management Authority (CSURMA)	A Joint Powers Authority created to establish a risk pool program for all CSU campuses and CSU auxiliary organizations.
Risk Assessment Worksheet	A checklist designed to outline potential elements of risk pertaining to each AS operating/ functional areas.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

AS seeks to involve appropriate personnel, whether BOD or staff, at all levels of the organization in the identification of risks and creation of practical strategies in order to minimize or mitigate that risk. AS seeks to make certain that the organization's approach to risk management considers diverse perspectives, and that staff understand their responsibility to protect the confidentiality of our clients, the safety and security of our facilities, the integrity our reputation, the preservation and future growth of assets as well as the fulfillment of our mission.

The implementation of the Risk Management Policy is a responsibility shared by all AS management and staff. It is the responsibility of management to ensure that all AS employees are aware of the policy and remain committed to its implementation.

All AS employees are obligated to report to their supervisor and the AEDHR any situation that they think poses an occupational safety hazard and/or puts AS at risk of loss.

1. Executive Director (ED)

The ED shall have the ultimate responsibility for creation, implementation and evaluation of the Risk Management program. They shall assign staff to design and carry out safety and risk management activities, as well as to perform the annual review of the same. ED will further keep the BOD apprised of the emerging threats and opportunities facing the organization.

2. Associate Executive Director for Business Administration and Finance (AEDBAF)

The AEDBAF shall implement and evaluate risk management practices organization wide. They shall serve as the AS representative to the CSU Risk Management Authority (CSURMA) and the Office of the Chancellor, as well as the main point of contact for all AS Directors, Managers and Supervisors on all matters related to Risk Management. AEDBAF shall meet these objectives by engaging in, the minimum, the following:

- a. Create policies and procedures for all administrative, business and financial activities, and conduct a risk assessment for each area no less than once annually
- b. Supply appropriate contract language including insurance specifications, hold harmless clauses and professional liability to protect AS and the University.
- c. Centralization of signature authority in cases where the organization is binding in a contractual agreement with any party(s), ensuring that appropriate hold harmless statement is signed off on, appropriate insurance

is secured, and all other necessary documentation is obtained and complete (in conjunction with the AEDP, below)

- d. Periodic review of all policies and procedures organization wide in order to ensure relevancy and accuracy in process, training and intent
- e. Continuous training and development of knowledge in all areas with heightened potential for risk, such as management of a childcare facility, etc.

AEDBAF shall also be responsible for informing and advising the ED on any potential significant risks arising from the organizational activities.

3. Assistant Director of Human Resources (AEDHR)

The AEDHR shall develop and implement injury and illness prevention programs in compliance with various regulatory requirements. The AEDHR shall be responsible for the development and implementation of HR policies and procedures as they pertain to equitable hiring and workers' compensation management practices. The AEDHR shall be responsible for employee related benefit programs such as unemployment insurance, disability leave, and family medical leave. The AEDHR shall also be responsible for handling claims that allege employment inequity such as Equal Opportunity Commission claims as well as providing training in these topics. The AEDHR shall also be responsible for creating, implementing and evaluating the training tools for all organizations Managers and Supervisors to utilize as they perform their duties, and train other employees on adherence to all aspects of organizational activities designed to minimize and manage risk. The AEDHR shall be responsible for informing and advising the ED of all potential risks arising from the organizational activities.

4. Assistant Director of Facilities and Operations (AEDFO)

The AEDFO shall establish standards and conduct programs that address public safety, such as fire prevention, emergency preparedness, traffic control and building security. The AEDFO shall confer with campus representatives to formulate policies, determine need for building safety programs and ensure cooperation and coordination of building activities with public safety agencies.

5. Assistant Director of Programs (AEDP)

The AEDP shall be responsible for identifying and managing potential risk arising from engagement in programmatic activities of AS, and protecting the safety of personnel receiving or engaged in delivering services and the students, faculty, and administration participating in programs sponsored by AS. AEDP shall meet these objectives by engaging in, the minimum, the following:

- a. Creation of policies and procedures for all programmatic activities, and conducting of a risk assessment for each area no less than once annually
- b. Review of the appropriate insurance requirements for engaging with various types of performers, speakers, artists and contractors
- c. Centralization of signature authority in cases where the organization is binding in a contractual agreement with any party(s), ensuring that appropriate hold harmless statement is signed off on, appropriate insurance is secured, and all other necessary documentation is obtained and complete

- d. Periodic review of all policies and procedures pertaining to the programming activities is performed in order to ensure relevancy and accuracy in process, training and intent
- e. Continuous training and development of knowledge in all areas with heightened potential for risk, such as management of a childcare facility, etc.

RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS

AS shall manage risk through a three-step process:

- Anticipation / Identification
- Evaluation
- Control

This management process is designed to allow AS to carry out its mission with the lowest practicable risk exposure.

1. Anticipation and Identification

The first step of the annual risk management process will consist of the following method, used to anticipate and identify risks related to the campus environment and AS activities:

- 1) Each organizational area shall complete and review the attached Risk Assessment Worksheet (Appendix A). This worksheet is designed to outline all current potential elements of risk pertaining to each AS operating/ functional areas
- 2) Each organizational area shall identify any emerging or new potential elements of risk not currently captured in the risk assessment worksheet to be discussed with the executive team and add them to the Risk Assessment Worksheet.

When completing the risk assessment worksheet, staff will be alerted to whether a deficiency in any area of review could potentially lead to:

- A situation that can lead to death, injury, or inappropriate treatment of employees, students and guests.
- Physical damage to AS property
- Loss of revenues due to property damage
- Liability claims against AS due to damage to non-AS property, and
- Losses resulting from fraudulent or criminal acts

2. Evaluation

All identified risks that potentially pose a significant risk to AS shall be evaluated by the ED and the executive team based on the following criteria:

- Severity – the amount of human harm or property loss that can occur
- Frequency of Exposure – how often the event or activity takes place
- Predictability – the ability to anticipate loss associated with specific activities or conditions
- Probability – the actuarial chance of a loss

In order to select the most practical method of reducing exposure, the ED shall further evaluate risks, taking into consideration cost implications and realized benefits associated with the activity.

Identified risks which pose a narrow and/or case-specific impact will be evaluated by the applicable administrative unit for the determination of appropriate control or mitigation measures.

3. Control

Based on the above criteria and assessment, the ED and the executive team shall determine what method of control provides the most effective means of risk reduction without compromising the mission of AS. The general types suitable control techniques used shall include:

- Avoidance
- Loss Prevention and Reduction
- Risk Transfer

The responsibility and cost enforcing the control measure(s) shall be that of the department that controls or generates the activity presenting the risk exposure, subject to the concurrence of the ED and the BOD.

4. Program Monitoring

The ED shall continually review and monitor the AS activities to ensure the goals of the risk management programs are achieved. AEDBAF will be responsible for preparing an annual Risk Management Assessment report along with the recommendations for the ED to share with the BOD for their approval and concurrence. At this time, an update to the previous years report will be provided. This evaluation process is intended to ensure that the risk management program remains effective and, thus, reduces AS's exposure to foreseeable risks and associated losses.

INSURANCE

AS currently participates in the CSURMA, which provides a funding source to AS should a loss occur. AS is responsible for any liability claim, up to a predetermined deductible, brought against AS and/or its employees, who are acting within the course and scope of their employment.

1. General Liability (GL) coverage is provided for the following:
 - a. Errors and Omissions Liability
 - b. Educator's Legal Liability
 - c. Medical Malpractice
 - d. Employment Practices Liability
 - e. Sudden and Accidental Pollution Legal Liability
 - f. Small Watercraft Liability
 - g. Defense Costs for Covered Occurrences
 - h. Student Professional Liability
 - i. Crime (ID Fraud)
 - j. Fidelity Crime Insurance
2. Workers' Compensation
3. Unemployment Insurance (UI) Non-Industrial Disability Leave (NDI), Industrial Disability Leave (IDL)
4. Property
5. Special Events
6. Foreign Travel Liability
7. Student Travel Accident Insurance
8. Vendors/Contractors Liability

FORMS

None.

RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY APPROVAL AND REVISION HISTORY

Risk Management Policy was Reviewed and Approved by the AS Board of Directors on

01/27/2016