

The Students of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges Region V do enact as follows:

Region V Social Media Policy

- I. Region V may use a social media and networking website (i.e. Facebook, Twitter) to facilitate communications with constituents. The sole use of such a social media shall be to rapidly communicate with interested constituents the activities of the region and may be a forum for those constituents to air questions, comments, or concerns about issues within the Regions purview.
- II. Communications on social media websites may not under any circumstances take place in a manner that would constitute a serial meeting. Voting members of the Region are not to engage in any extended discussion or debate on matters that the region may take action on at any point.
- III. Communications must be compliant with the Brown Act and be in keeping with appropriate standards of professional conduct.
- IV. Communications, including posts, documents, and media sharing, shall be moderated by the Region V Chair, Vice Chair, and Communications Officer.
 - a. Moderator rights shall be granted by these three officers and shall be considered *ex officio* duties of these officers and may not be removed while the officer is still in office.
 - b. Should an individual with moderator rights unduly remove the moderator rights of one of these officers, the responsible party shall forfeit their moderator rights immediately. The Region shall define the length of time at the following meeting.
- V. Membership and posting rights in any Region V social media site shall be open to all members of the public.
- VI. Members may not post or share information that: Contains offensive or hateful speech, uses inappropriate language, harasses other members, or otherwise threatens the safety or property of others. Members who violate these policies shall be subject to the following penalties in sequential order per offense:
 - a. Moderator warning and deletion of the post in question.
 - b. Moderators will ban the member from the group for one (1) month and the post in question shall be deleted.
 - c. Moderators will ban the member for the remainder of the term.
 - d. Officers who violate these rules may be subject to additional disciplinary action at the region level.
- VII. Communications on social media websites are not formal communications and may not function as a substitute for such.
- VIII. Agendas, minutes, governing documents, and any other relevant documents may be posted to the site for the convenience of the public, but are not considered to be applicable for the purposes of the Brown Act.
- IX. Region V reserves the right to initiate or discontinue accounts with social media websites with the consent of the Region.
- X. This policy shall be considered a standing order of the Region and shall carry the force of the bylaws unless suspended.

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