

Fundraising

Groups may vend on the Union Walkway for approved fundraiser events only. Complete an Event Registration Form including the “Statement of Policy Regarding Fundraisers” and return it to the Center for Student Development and Programs. The Center strongly discourages student organizations from fundraising through an auction where people will be bidden on to complete services or date the buyer.

Raffles and Prize Give-a-Ways:

Student organizations are prohibited from fundraising by sponsoring raffles or prize giveaways. Pursuant to California Penal Code 319, a prize giveaway is considered an illegal lottery if the giveaway contains the following:

- A prize;
- The element of chance;
- Consideration (payment for a raffle ticket.)

If any of these elements are missing, the giveaway is permissible, as it is no longer breaking the law. Therefore, as an example, an organization is prohibited from collecting money in exchange for a ticket to win a prize(s.) As fundraisers are considered student organization events, an Event Registration form must be submitted to the Center for Student Development and Programs at least ten days prior to the event date. When your organization submits that form, the Center staff will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding the legality of your planned fundraiser.