

Coast Community College District
BOARD POLICY
Chapter 2
Board of Trustees

BP 2105 Election of Student Member, Board of Trustees

References:

Education Code Sections 72023.5 and 72103

One student, enrolled in any college or colleges of the District, shall be elected every year to serve as Student Trustee member of the Board of Trustees of the Coast Community College District.

The Student Trustee shall not be required to enroll during any summer session of the District.

TERM OF OFFICE:

The term of office of the Student Trustee shall be from June 1 of each year to May 31 of the next year.

MANNER OF ELECTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE:

Any student of the District may apply to be Student Trustee by completing and submitting an application provided by the Office of the District Board of Trustees. This application shall be returned to the Secretary of the Board who is the advisor to the Student Trustee and who will determine if all minimum qualifications are met. The names of the applicants meeting minimum qualifications, as set forth in Board Policy 2015, along with a summary of their qualifications, shall be submitted to the Advisor of the Associated Student Government at each college for inclusion in the election ballot.

During each spring semester there shall be an election for Student Trustee finalists at each of the three colleges. Only the qualified student applicants can appear on the election ballot for the respective college. One student per college receiving the most votes cast will become the finalist to be interviewed by the District Student Council Selection Committee. The District Student Council shall determine the method and procedures for the elections as well as electorate qualifications for the colleges. If there are no applicants from a college, there will not be an election on that campus.

The District Student Council Selection Committee shall interview the finalist from each college before voting. Interview questions for finalists must be pre-approved by the Secretary of the Board and the assigned District Human Resources representative.

The District Student Council Selection Committee shall, in open public session, elect the person deemed best qualified to represent the students of the colleges in the position of Student Trustee.

A simple majority of the District Student Council Selection Committee, the chairperson abstaining, shall be required to elect the Student Trustee. The District Student Council Selection Committee shall be comprised of equal membership from each college with the current Student Trustee acting as chair. The membership from each college shall be two representatives from the college student government organization, selected by that organization to represent them on the District Student Council Selection Committee. A simple majority shall be a minimum of four of the six members. In the event of a deadlock, the chair may cast the deciding vote. The final vote is to be taken during a public meeting of the District Student Council Selection Committee. A finalist so elected may not succeed himself/herself.

In the event that no agreement on a candidate can be reached on the first vote, then successive votes may be taken after the elimination of the candidate receiving the lowest numbers of votes until a remaining candidate receives the majority vote.

In the event that there is no quorum to select the new Student Trustee by the last District Student Council meeting in May, the recruitment and selection process will be repeated at the beginning of the fall semester. In the event that the secondary selection process is not successful in selecting a new Student Trustee, the District Student Council may recommend to the Board that the position remain vacant for the academic year.

VACANCY DURING THE TERM

A vacancy shall be filled by the District Student Council as having been delegated by the student body association officers of the respective colleges. The vacancy shall be filled as soon as possible but no later than 30 calendar days after the vacancy or notice of the vacancy.

A vacancy in the position of Student Trustee shall exist in the event of the following:

1. The Student Trustee fails to maintain eligibility criteria as set forth in Board Policy 2015.
2. The Student Trustee is recalled.
3. The Student Trustee resigns.

RECALL:

The Student Trustee may be recalled in an election called upon by a vote of the District Student Council or presentation to the Secretary of the Board of a petition signed by at

least 20% of the district-wide total number of students who voted in the last regular election. No recall election will be held within 60 calendar days of a regularly scheduled election for the position of Student Trustee.

The Secretary of the Board shall call for a recall election within 14 calendar days of a call by the District Student Council or receiving the recall petition. No recall election shall be scheduled during Winter or Spring Break. In that case, the recall election will take place within 14 calendar days of the resumption of classes.

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