## **BP 2105 Selection 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 selected 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 SELECTION 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 Board of Trustees. This application shall be returned to the Secretary of the Board who is the advisor to the Student Trustee. The application will be initially reviewed by the respective College's Associated Student Government ("ASG") Advisor who will determine if all minimum qualifications are met. If all minimum qualifications are met, the application will be accepted. The College ASG Advisors and the Secretary of the Board will meet with the accepted applicants to discuss the duties and responsibilities of the Student Trustee. 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 District Student Council. Each spring semester, the Secretary of the Board will publish the schedule for the application and selection process for the Student Trustee.

The District Student Council Selection Committee shall interview all qualified applicants. 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.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Board Policy 2015, any individual selected to serve as Student Trustee for a partial year may apply to be Student Trustee for the next academic year.

An individual selected to serve as Student Trustee for a partial year who is applying for a full term as Student Trustee may not serve on the District Student Council Selection Committee in any capacity. In such a case, the Vice Chair of the District Student Council shall serve as Acting Chair during the selection process.

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.

4. The Board of Trustees declares the Student Trustee position to be vacant as set forth in Board Policy 2015.

## RECALL:

The Student Trustee may be recalled upon a vote of the District Student Council. No recall vote will be held within 60 calendar days of a regularly scheduled selection for the position of Student Trustee.

The Secretary of the Board shall call for a recall vote within 14 calendar days of a call by the District Student Council. No recall vote shall be scheduled during the winter or spring breaks. In that case, the recall vote will take place within 14 calendar days of the resumption of classes.

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