

**BP 1015 STUDENT TRUSTEE**

**References:**

Education Code Section 72023.5 and 72103

The Board of Trustees shall include one non-voting student trustee. The term of office shall be one year commencing on June 1.

The student trustee shall be a resident of California at the time of nomination, and during the term of service, and shall be enrolled in and maintain a minimum of five (5) semester units in the District at the time of nomination and throughout the term of service. The student shall have at the time of nomination and maintain a 2.5 GPA throughout their term on the Board. The student trustee is not required to give up employment with the District.

The student trustee shall be seated with the Board of Trustees and shall be recognized as a full member of the Board of Trustees at meetings. Except for closed sessions, the student trustee is entitled to participate in discussion of issues and receive all materials presented to members of the Board of Trustees. The student trustee shall have the privilege of making and seconding motions and casting advisory votes that shall be listed in the Board minutes. The student trustee shall be entitled to any mileage allowance necessary to attend Board of Trustees meetings to the same extent as publicly elected Board of Trustees members.

The student trustee shall be chosen by the students enrolled in the District as follows:

The student trustee shall be elected by all the students enrolled in the District in a general election held for that purpose. The election will be held in the Spring semester so that the office is filled by June 1. The student trustee shall be recalled, by the students enrolled in the community colleges of the District, in accordance with the applicable administrative procedures.

Special elections shall be held if the office becomes vacant by reason of the resignation or disqualification of an elected student trustee, or by any other reasons. Special elections shall be held within thirty (30) days after notice of the vacancy comes to the attention of the Chancellor.

Candidates for the position may nominate themselves or be nominated by others by the filing of an application certifying that the candidate is eligible for service under the criteria set forth in California law, Board policies and administrative procedures. The election will be conducted in accordance with administrative procedures established by the Chancellor or designee.

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**AP 1015 STUDENT TRUSTEE**

**References:**

Education Code Sections 72023.5, 72122, 72129

Election of Student Trustee

The student member(s) shall be elected by a plurality vote of those voting in a regular election of the student body. All members of the student body may vote. The election will be conducted during the spring semester. The student trustee will take office at the first Board meeting following the end of the Spring semester.

I. Term of Office

The term of office shall be from the first day after the end of the spring semester and will remain in office until the last day of the following spring semester. The Student Trustee may only serve one term.

II. Duties and Responsibilities

The student trustee of the governing board shall be sworn in, given the oath of office, seated with the elected members of the governing board, and shall carry out all of the duties delineated herein.

A. The student trustee shall be accorded the normal privileges and responsibilities of a board member except that the student trustee shall not:

1. Vote on any matter before the governing board.
2. Attend closed or special sessions.
3. Make, amend or second motions.

B. The student trustee, with regard to issues "that have, or will have a significant effect on students", shall:

1. Provide individual college reports to the Board of Trustees.

2. Indicate recommendation/vote breakdown, where applicable, per College on issues requiring a formal student response.
- C. In addition, the Student Trustee shall, as a part of the Trustee's regular duties:
1. Convene and chair all regular and emergency Student District Consultation Council (SDCC) meetings.
  2. Disseminate, in a timely manner, all information pertaining to student issues to the SDCC.
  3. Act as liaison between all three Colleges.
  4. Perform other duties as outlined in the Bylaws of all three colleges in the District.
- D. Student Trustees shall not:
1. Be a voting member of the SDCC, except to break a tie vote.
  2. Be a member of any College associated students organization
  3. Be on disciplinary suspension at any time during his/her term.

### III. Scholarship

The Student Trustee, in recognition of his/her service on the Board of Trustees, shall receive a \$300 scholarship at the end of each Spring and Fall semester, for a total of \$600.

### IV. Vacancy

If a vacancy occurs for any of the following reasons,

- Written notification of resignation by any means of written communication;
- Impeachment, or dismissal;
- Inability or failure to comply with any duties as outlined in all three College student government association Constitution/By-Laws

the President of the associated students organization of the College that the Student Trustee has indicated as his/her home campus will serve as the Student Trustee Pro Tempore. For a complete line of succession, please refer to the three College associated students organizations' Constitution/By-Laws.

V. Recall

The ASRCCD Student Trustee shall be subject to recall by the RCCD student body. A written petition with signatures of at least five percent (5%) of the current semester enrollment of the RCCD student body shall constitute a request for recall. Upon presentation of said petition to the SDCC and Chancellor or designee, a recall election shall be called within fifteen (15) calendar days. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast shall be required to recall the ASRCCD Student Trustee, with this number being at least two-thirds (2/3) the number of votes cast in the Trustee's original election.

Office of Primary Responsibility: Provost/Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and  
College Chief Student Services Officers

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