BP 2015 Student Members

Reference:
Education Code Section 72023.5;
Education Code Section 70902

1.0 The Board of Trustees shall include one student member each from Cypress College, Fullerton College, and North Orange Continuing Education to represent the students of their campus. Student members shall be elected, and may be recalled, by the students of their campus in accordance with procedures established by the Chancellor. The term of office shall be one year, commencing June 1. Student members are authorized to cast advisory votes only, which shall not be included in determining the vote required to carry any measure before the Board of Trustees, but shall be recorded in the official minutes of the Board meeting, and shall be taken prior to the other votes. Student members are expected to gather input and opinions from the students at large and from the student body association or student organization of their campus on any relevant agenda items and provide such input to the Board of Trustees.

2.0 To be eligible for election as a student trustee, a student shall be enrolled in and maintain a minimum of five (5) semester credit units or 75 semester noncredit hours in the District at the time of appointment and throughout the term of service. The student members must maintain a minimum of a cumulative 2.0 grade point average or Satisfactory Progress and Pass grades in noncredit classes. If, on the first day of each semester, or during the term of service, a student member fails to meet the criteria of this policy, the student member shall be disqualified for service on the Board of Trustees. A student member is not required to give up employment with the District.

2.1 These requirements apply to the spring and fall semesters only.

2.2 The District shall not impose eligibility requirements for college students that are more stringent than those set forth in Education Code Section 72023.5.

3.0 If the seat of a student member becomes vacant during their term, the Board of Trustees may authorize the officers of the relevant student body association or student organization to elect or appoint an eligible student to serve the remainder of the term in accordance with procedures established by the Chancellor.

4.0 Student members shall be seated with the Board of Trustees during the open session portion of meetings and shall be recognized as full members of the Board of Trustees at meetings. Student members shall have the right to attend each and all meetings of the Board of Trustees, except student members may not attend closed session. Student members are entitled to participate in discussion of issues and receive all materials presented to members of the Board, except for issues and items discussed in closed session. Student members shall be entitled to any mileage allowance necessary to attend Board meetings to the same extent as publicly elected trustees.

4.1 Student members may make or second open session motions. Student members are encouraged to participate in the discussion of issues and agenda items in open session.

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5.0 A student member shall receive 50 percent of the compensation afforded to a publicly elected or appointed member of the Board of Trustees under Board Policy 2725 Board Member Compensation. Any Board meetings missed by a student member shall result in a pro rata reduction in compensation for that month, except under the following condition: A student member may be paid for the first two meetings from which they are absent in a calendar year if the Board of Trustees, by resolution adopted and included in its minutes, finds at the time of the meeting that the student member was ill, on jury duty, performing services outside the meeting for the District, or the absence is due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board.

6.0 The Board of Trustees encourages participation of its student members in trustee-related conferences, activities, and retreats and may approve reasonable expenses that fall within the guidelines of Board policies.

7.0 On or before May 15 of each year, the Board of Trustees shall consider whether to afford the student members any of the privileges noted in this policy by reviewing it for re-adoption.

8.0 The President of the Board of Trustees shall appoint each year a trustee to serve as mentor to the student members.

See Administrative Procedure 2015, Student Members; Board Policy and Administrative Procedure 2105, Election of Student Members.

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