BP 2015 Student Members

Reference:
Education Code Section 72023.5

1.0 The Board shall include two student members to represent the students at large. 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, but shall be recorded in the official minutes of the Board meeting. Advisory votes may not be cast on motions related to personnel and labor relations. Student members are expected to gather input and opinions from the students at large, as well as the Associated Students, 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, students 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 members must maintain a minimum of a cumulative 2.0 grade point average. 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. The student member is not required to give up employment with the District.

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

3.0 Student members shall be seated with the Board and shall be recognized as full members of the Board at meetings. 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 closed session). Student members shall be entitled to any mileage allowance necessary to attend board meetings to the same extent as publicly elected trustees.

3.1 Student members may make or second open session motions, except motions underlying personnel and labor relations. Student members are encouraged to participate in the discussion of issues and agenda items in open session.

4.0 Student members who attend all Board meetings that they are legally allowed to attend shall receive 50 percent of the compensation afforded to other individual members of the Board of Trustees, pursuant to Education Code Section 72425. 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 he/she is absent in a calendar year if the Board, 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.

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

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

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

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