

1.05 Student Trustee

1. A Student Trustee shall serve a one-year term as a nonvoting member of the Board beginning June 1 each year. **The student member shall be seated with the Board and shall be recognized as a full member of the Board at meetings. The student member is entitled to participate in discussion of issues and receive all materials presented to members of the Board (except for closed session materials).** The rights of the Student Trustee shall be limited to those mandated in the Education Code except that the Student Trustee shall have the right to make or second motions and will have the right to exercise an advisory vote. The responsibilities of the Student Trustee shall be those mandated by the Education Code and those approved by the Board including:
 - a. The Student Trustee shall be responsible and accountable to the students of the District and their elected officers.
 - i. The Student Trustee shall make himself/herself informed about those issues which have a direct or significant impact on students of the District and such issues that are brought to the attention of the Student Trustee by any concerned students.
 - ii. The Student Trustee shall gather student input and disseminate information by meeting at least once per month, school calendar permitting, at a scheduled meeting of the student government organization at each College and in other ways as appropriate.
 - iii. The Student Trustee shall voice the concerns and interests of District students in public meetings of the Board and appropriately seek to persuade the vote of the Board.
 - iv. The Student Trustee shall call and attend a Tri-Campus Committee meeting immediately before each public session of the Board.
2. To be eligible to serve as a Student Trustee, a person must meet all statutory requirements, including:
 - a. Be a resident of California.
 - b. Be currently enrolled in one of the Colleges of the San Mateo County Community College District.
 - c. Maintain enrollment in at least five semester units and meet, and maintain the minimum standards of scholarship as described in **Section 7.35** of Rules and Regulations.
 - d. Not concurrently hold any recognized Associated Student government position in the three Colleges of the San Mateo County Community College District while holding the office of Student Trustee. Students who wish to run for Student Trustee may not be a candidate for President or Vice President of any Associated Students organization.
 - e. **A student is not required to give up employment with the District in order to be seated as the Student Trustee.**
3. Election of Student Trustee nominees by students from each of the three Colleges shall take place by May 25 of each year. The manner, place, and time of the election shall be determined by the Associated Students at each College. The Associated Students shall make every effort to schedule elections on different days at the Colleges.
4. A panel of seven students (two student body officers from each College, selected by the Student Government, and the outgoing Student Trustee) shall interview the three Student Trustee nominees and elect one person by secret ballot to be seated as the Student Trustee. None of the members of the panel may be a candidate for the position of Student Trustee. If the Student Trustee is running for a second term, and, therefore, not eligible to serve on the panel, the District

Student Council shall select an alternate member to serve on the panel. Four votes shall be required for election, and the process must be completed by May 30.

- a. If there is a 3-3-1 tie vote, the candidate with the least amount of votes will be dropped, and the panel will re-vote. Before a vote is taken, the candidates may be re-interviewed.
 - b. If there is a 3-2-2 tie vote, the panel will vote only on the candidates who have two votes, to break the tie, and the candidate with the least amount of votes will be eliminated. The panel will vote on the remaining two candidates. Before a vote is taken, the candidates may be reinterviewed.
 - c. If the panel is unable to elect one of the nominees to be seated on the Board by May 30 of each year, the Chancellor-~~Superintendent~~ shall select, by lot, the student to be seated on the Board.
5. The Student Trustee may be recalled for cause by a no-confidence vote taken at each of the three Colleges. The vote at each College shall be from the Student Senate and executive officers combined and shall be considered passed by simple majority.
 6. If a vacancy should occur during the Student Trustee's one-year term, the panel **described in 1.05(4)** shall convene to elect one of the remaining nominees to be seated as Student Trustee. Any College which does not have a previously elected nominee may hold a special election to select a nominee. Such nominee(s) shall be considered by the panel together with the nominee(s) from the other College(s). If the panel is unable to select from among the nominees, the Chancellor-Superintendent shall select, by lot, one of the nominees to fill the vacancy.
 7. The District shall provide monthly compensation to the Student Trustee for attending Board meetings at one-half of the maximum amount allowed for elected trustees under the Education Code. In addition, the Student Trustee shall receive a service award as follows:
 - a. The Student Trustee will receive one payment annually, payable May 31. In order to receive the payment, the Student Trustee must have been in office and fulfilled his/her duties as outlined in this section for the entire 12-month period.
 - b. Each annual payment will be equal to the total of 12 monthly compensations.
 - c. The Board of Trustees reserves all discretion for any partial allocation in case of extraordinary circumstances beyond the Student Trustee's control causing early termination of term of office.
 8. Mileage allowance for travel necessary to attend Board meetings and to attend to other official District business as authorized by the Board shall be provided for the Student Trustee at the same rate as that established for other Trustees. The Student Trustee shall also receive the same health and welfare benefits as are provided to Board members.
 9. No other section of Rules and Regulations other than this section (1.05) is applicable to the Student Trustee, unless the Student Trustee is specifically mentioned.

Reference: Education Code 72023.5

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