

Coast Community College District
BOARD POLICY
Chapter 2
Board of Trustees

BP 2105 Election of Student Member, Board of Trustees

References:

Education Code Sections 72023.5 and 72103

One student, enrolled in any college or colleges of the Coast Community College District, shall be elected 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 ELECTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE:

Any student of the Coast Community College District may apply to be Student Trustee on the form provided by the Chancellor's office. This form shall be returned to the District Advisor of the Coast Community College District Student Council who will determine if all minimum qualifications are met. The names of the applicants meeting minimum qualifications, along with a summary of their qualifications, shall be submitted to the District Student Council. All other applications shall be discarded.

Student Trustee applicants must follow the procedures reviewed annually by the District Student Council and by the advisors.

The District Student Council may interview candidates before voting. When applicants are interviewed, interview questions must be previously cleared through the District Student Council Advisor and the Vice-Chancellor of Human Resources.

The District Student Council 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 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 (2) 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 (4) 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 public meeting of the District Student Council Selection Committee.

In the event that there shall be no more than a single candidate for the position, such candidate may be elected by a simple majority of a quorum of the District Student Council. A candidate so elected may not succeed himself/herself. A quorum shall be more than fifty percent of the members of the District Student Council, provided that each college is represented, and excluding the Student Trustee.

In the event of deadlock, the chairperson of the District Student Council may cast the deciding vote.

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(s) 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, then the District Student Council shall recommend that the current Student Trustee remain in office until the new Student Trustee is selected and to repeat the recruitment and selection process within four (4) months from the end of the previous Student Trustee's term (June 1 – September 30). 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.

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