



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Apr 04, 2017 - AGENDA - Regular Meeting
Category	11. ACTION ITEMS
Subject	11.03 Consideration to Adopt Proposed Revised BP 2015, "Student Member"
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Adopt Board Policy 2015, "Student Member," as presented

Education Code section 72023.5 creates a nonvoting "student member" position on each California community college governing board and establishes qualifications for that position. The law does not prescribe the number of student members on the governing board. The voice and participation of student members is an invaluable asset to the function of the Board of Trustees.

Historically, State Center Community College District has had two student members of the Board of Trustees, one elected from each college. Students from the former "Willow International Center," now Clovis Community College, participated in the election of the student member from Reedley College. When the district moved from two to three colleges, it became necessary to revise the student member policy to recognize the district's current organization, and ideally develop a policy that would accommodate the future growth of the district with the addition of more colleges.

A survey of student board of trustees member policies at other multi-college districts with three or more colleges showed that the prevailing approach is to have a single student member representing all of the colleges of the district on the Board of Trustees. For example, both Los Rios Community College District with four colleges, and Los Angeles Community College District with nine colleges, each seat one student member on the Board of Trustees. That student represents the voice of all students of the district on the board. No district of which we are aware seats three or more student members of the board of trustees.

This proposed revision, in conjunction with the simultaneously proposed revision to BP 2105, would move from two student members of the Board of Trustees representing only two colleges of the district to a single student member representing all of the students of the district. The election of this student member, per the proposed revision of BP 2105, would be rotated through each of the district's colleges on a yearly basis.

This revision was developed in cooperation with the student government leaders and student services administrators from each college. A primary aim of the policy was to ensure that student engagement with the Board of Trustees did not diminish, and could in fact be enhanced, with a thoughtful policy that encouraged student participation continued to recognize the distinct identities of the colleges. The revision to BP 2015 that moves from two student members to one was developed in conjunction with revisions to BP 2105 governing the method of election of student members, which is presented simultaneously. BP 2105 specifies the method of selection of the student of trustees as it rotates through the colleges on a yearly basis, and establishes additional means to foster greater student engagement with the Board of Trustees.

The election of student members of the Board of Trustees ordinarily occurs in conjunction with the election of officers to student governments in April of each year. Adoption of revised BP 2015 and 2105 at this meeting will allow elections to proceed as prescribed in the revised policies.

The revised policies were initially presented at the board's March 7 meeting. The administration recommends adoption.

[BP 2015 - Student Member - redline version dated 02.16.17.pdf \(91 KB\)](#)

[BP 2015 - Student Member - Final dated 03.22.17.pdf \(91 KB\)](#)

Motion & Voting

Adopt Board Policy 2015, "Student Member," and Board Policy 2105, "Election of Student Members" as presented passed by the following roll call vote

Motion by Bobby Kahn, second by Deborah Ikeda.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Deborah Ikeda, Bobby Kahn, Ronald Nishinaka, John Leal

No: Miguel Arias, Eric Payne

Not Present at Vote: Richard Caglia