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### **Election of Student Members**

The student member of the board of trustees shall be chosen by the students enrolled in the district as follows: Every year the students of each college of the District shall elect a student representative to the board of trustees from that college. That student representative to the Board of trustees must meet the eligibility requirements of BP 2015 and be elected by the students of the college as prescribed by Education Code section 72023.5. Each year, one of those student representatives to the board of trustees will be designated the student member of the board of trustees as set out in BP 2015, and will be seated as a member of the board of trustees as provided by law. The designation of one student representative as student member of the board of trustees will rotate on a yearly basis through each of the colleges of the district in the following manner: For the term beginning on June 1, 2017, the student representative from Clovis Community College for that year will be the student member of the board of trustees. The student representative from Fresno City College will be the student member of the board of trustees for the following year, and the student representative for the year after that will be the student representative from Reedley College. The rotation will then continue to cycle through each of the colleges in that order. In the event that the District adds additional colleges with separate student governments, the student representatives from those colleges will be added to the rotation for designation as student members of the board of trustees after the year in which the Reedley College representative is designated student member.

Candidates for the position of student representative to the board of trustees may nominate themselves or be nominated by others by the filing of an application at their college of residence, certifying that the candidate is eligible for service under the criteria set forth in California law and these policies.

The election at each college will be conducted in accordance with the administrative regulations adopted by the District for student elections, except that all members of the student body shall be permitted to vote for the student member. Each candidate who has qualified shall be listed on the ballot at his or her respective college. The successful candidates must receive a plurality of all votes cast at his or her college.

Each student representative to the board of trustees, in coordination with the student representative designated as that year's student member of the board of trustees, will serve as a liaison between the student government and student body of their respective colleges and the board of trustees. Reports on student activities at each college will be coordinated with the student member of the board of trustees, who will represent all of the students of the District and report on student activities at each of the colleges in the meetings of the Board of Trustees. Student representatives, in coordination with the student member of the board of trustees, will facilitate reporting on the deliberations and actions of the board of trustees to their respective student governments and student bodies, and encourage greater student awareness of and participation in District governance.

In the event that the student body of a college fails to elect a student representative eligible to serve as student member of the board of trustees in the year designated for that college to provide the student member, the student representative from the next college in the rotation will be designated student member for that year, and the rotation will continue thereafter as described above.

In the event that the office of student member becomes vacant by resignation or disqualification of a serving student member, or any other reason, the student representative of the college next in rotation to provide the student member of the board of trustees is designated as student member to fill the partial term. A partial term filled under this provision will be followed the next year by a full term of service by a student representative from that same college.

The administration, in consultation with each college's student government leaders and student services personnel, will develop Administrative Regulations to implement this policy.

See Administrative Regulation 2105

References: Education Code Sections 72023.5, 72103

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