

STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A. There shall be one nonvoting (advisory) student member of the Board of Trustees (California Education Code, Section 72023.5).

B. Qualifications

Candidates for Student Trustee must:

1. At the time of nomination and during the term of service the student shall be a resident of California as determined pursuant to California Education Code, Section 68000 et. seq., including but not limited to Section 68062 (a-i).
2. Be currently enrolled in the South Orange County Community College District (SOCCCD) for at least five units and is in good standing (i.e., not on academic or social probation). The student member is not required to give up employment with the District.
3. Have completed no less than 12 units in the SOCCCD.
4. Have a minimum cumulative 2.0 G.P.A.

C. Requirements of Office

While in office the Student Trustee must:

1. Maintain eligibility as defined in Section B, 1., 2., 3., and 4 (above), during his/her term of office.
2. Hold no other elected or appointed Associated Student Government (ASG) positions within the SOCCCD.

D. Term of Office

1. The term of the Student Trustee is one year (May through the following April).
2. A Student Trustee term of office terminates upon a determination of disqualification under the provisions of Section E.

E. Disqualification from Office

1. Automatic and immediate forfeiture of office, including all rights and privileges thereof, will be required if the Student Trustee:
 - a. Does not maintain the requirements of office contained in Sections B, C, and K; or
 - b. Is suspended for more than 10 days pursuant to student conduct policies or regulations.
2. A student disqualified from office under the provisions above, shall be liable for any compensation received after he or she became ineligible for office.
3. Upon disqualification from office, the student must immediately return all District property provided to him or her while in office.

F. Election

There shall be a general election during the spring semester at each campus. All eligible Districtwide candidates shall be placed on one ballot at each campus. The Student Member of the Board of Trustees will be elected by students enrolled within the SOCCCD.

G. Recall

The Student Trustee is subject to recall procedures established for recalling officers of the Associated Student Governments at each campus. If the recall vote fails at any campus, the recall fails. No recall election will be held if the petition to recall is received within 90 days prior to the scheduled student elections, which are held in April.

H. Selection of a Replacement

If a Student Trustee position becomes vacant due to qualification, recall, resignation, or other reasons, the board shall:

1. Order a special election, or
2. Make an appointment to fill the vacancy within 60 days. All rules of eligibility shall apply and the replacement Student Trustee shall serve out the remainder of the one-year term.

No special election will be called if the vacancy occurs within 90 days prior to the scheduled April student elections. The student member position on the board will remain vacant for that time.

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I. Installation in Office

1. The person elected or appointed student trustee will be sworn into office at the first board meeting following his or her election, or at the meeting at which he or she is appointed by the board.
2. The President of the Board of Trustees may appoint a Trustee to serve as his or her mentor.

J. Rights and Privileges

On or before the regular meeting in April of each year, the Board shall consider whether to afford the student member any of the following privileges:

1. The Student Trustee shall be seated with the board and be recognized as a full member of the Board at public meetings, and shall receive all materials presented to board members for open session, and to participate in discussion at board meetings.
2. The Student Trustee shall have the right to make and second motions.
3. The Student Trustee shall be compensated in the amount of \$200 per month paid by the District.
4. The Student Trustee shall receive mileage reimbursement (BP-4051, Reimbursement) paid by the District.
5. The Student Trustee shall receive the same college health services available to all college students, and said services shall be paid for by the District.
6. With prior Board of Trustee approval, the Student Trustee may attend State of California conferences which relate to their duties as a student member of the Board of Trustees. Reimbursement will be paid by the District.
7. The Student Trustee shall receive college parking fee reimbursement paid by the District.

K. Duties and Responsibilities

The Student Trustee shall agree to perform to the best of his/her ability the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Attend all regular and special meetings of the board, except closed sessions. In addition to any of the disqualifying event set forth above, the office of Student

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Trustee will become vacant upon the occurrence of any of the events set forth in Government Code, Section 1770.

2. Review the agenda of the board prior to each meeting.
3. Confer with leaders of the Associated Students at each campus prior to each meeting of the board.
4. When appropriate, confer with students, student groups and organizations, and/or college and District administrators in relation to District policies and board actions and/or agenda items.
5. Participate in the discussion of agenda items presented.
6. Cast an advisory vote on public agenda items; however, the Student Trustees vote will not be included in determining the vote required to carry any measure before the board.
7. When appropriate, provide feedback to all students, student groups, and leaders of the associated student governments at each campus concerning District and board policies and actions.

See J. (above), Rights & Privileges

Reference:

Education Code Section 72023.5

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