



AP 2105 Election of Student Trustee

Reference:

Education Code Section 72023.5

The following procedures govern the conduct of the election of the Student Trustee to the Board of Trustees.

1. Supervision

The election will be conducted under the supervision of the Dean of Student Life & Services who will prepare the Election Code.

2. Election Rules and Procedures

All candidates must conform to the requirements set forth in **Board Policies BP 2015 Student Trustee** and **BP 2105 Election of Student Trustee** and all city, county, state, and federal laws. The Dean of Student Life & Services whose decision on such matters shall be final will arbitrate all election procedures not covered by **the this policy and this procedure**.

- a. Each potential candidate must meet with the Dean of Student Services prior to filing a declaration of intent to run for office. At this meeting, the Dean of Student Life & Services will review the Election Code with the candidate and the candidate will sign a statement of acknowledgment.
- b. The Dean of Student Life & Services will determine the voting site(s).
- c. AVC identification will be requested of all students desiring to vote.
- d. There shall be a public count of the ballots within forty-eight (48) hours following closing of the polls by the Office of Student Development and College Activities.

Special Election

Upon notice to the Superintendent/President that a vacancy has occurred for any reason, including recall, the Dean of Student Life & Services shall, within **thirty (30)** days, call for a special election.

The special election shall provide for:

- **Notice communicated to the student body of the result of the recall election, if the vacancy has occurred as the result of a recall election, and arrangements for a special election;**



- An application period for students to submit an application to become a candidate for the open position that will be open for at least 5 days on which classes are regularly held;
- Following such application period, a period of time no less than 5 days upon which classes are regularly held for campaigning, and;
- Voting for the special election to be concluded within 30 days following the date upon which the position became vacant.

No special election will be called if the vacancy occurs within thirty (30) days of a regularly scheduled election for the Student Trustee. The office shall become vacant if the student member becomes ineligible for the office, fails to fulfill responsibilities as listed in AP 2015 **Student Trustee**, resigns, is recalled or dies.

Any AVC student can recall the Student Trustee with a petition signed by 20% of the total number of enrolled students at the time of filing the petition and submitted to the Dean of Student Life & Services. The election will be conducted in the same manner as a special election.

If the Student Trustee fails to fulfill her/his responsibilities, he/she may appeal the decision within **ten** (10) days to the Superintendent/President. The appeal must be in writing explaining why the Student Trustee believes he/she should remain in office. The decision of the Superintendent/President is final.

Also see **BP/AP 2015 Student Member, BP/AP 2100 Board Elections, and BP 2105 Election of Student Member.**

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