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**Board Policy**  
Chapter 2 – Board of Trustees

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**BP 2015      STUDENT TRUSTEE**

The Board of Trustees shall include one non-voting student member. The Student Trustee shall be enrolled in and maintain a minimum of five semester units in the District at the time of nomination and throughout the term of service. The student member is not required to give up employment with the District. The student shall maintain minimum standards of scholarship of at least a 2.0 grade point average during his/her term.

The Student Trustee shall be seated with the Board and shall be recognized as a full member of the Board at meetings. The Student Trustee is entitled to participate in discussion of issues and receive all materials presented to members of the Board (except for closed session).

**Rights and Responsibilities**

1. The Student Trustee shall serve a one-year term, commencing June 1st of each year. No person shall serve as Student Trustee for more than one term. A person who serves for less than one term as Student Trustee shall not be barred from being elected to a full term as Student Trustee.
2. The Student Trustee shall have the right and responsibility to attend all public meetings of the Board of Trustees, including those held during summer and winter sessions. The Student Trustee shall not have the right to attend closed sessions unless specifically invited by action of the Board of Trustees to attend closed sessions, but the Student Trustee may not attend closed sessions on personnel or collective bargaining matters.
3. The Student Trustee shall be entitled to mileage allowance for travel within the District to the same extent as regular members of the Board of Trustees for attendance at Board meetings. The Student Trustee is not entitled to the District's health benefit package.
4. The Student Trustee shall serve as a liaison between the Board of Trustees and the Associated Students Board of Directors. He/she shall attend meetings of the Associated Students Board of Directors as a non-voting member no less than once a month and provide a report to the Board of Trustees. He/she shall also report to the Associated Students Board of Directors on activities and issues concerning the Board of Trustees.

### **Board Authorized Privileges**

The Board of Trustees shall by May 15th of each year, as required by the Education Code, take action to authorize any of the following privileges for the Student Trustee for the coming year:

1. The Student Trustee may make and second motions.
2. The Student Trustee is entitled to an advisory vote which may be cast before the rest of the Board of Trustees and be recorded as such in the official minutes. The advisory vote shall not be included in determining the vote required to carry any measure before the Board.
3. The Student Trustee will receive compensation up to the amount prescribed by Education Code Section (see BP 2725 Board Member Compensation 1413). The term of compensation for the Student Trustee shall be from June through May.

### **Reference:**

Education Code Section 72023.5

Note: The District must abide by the language in the Education Code which does not require the Student Trustee to be a resident. There is a Chancellor's Office opinion dated May 23, 2001 that indicates districts cannot impose more restrictions than those found in Education Code 72023.5

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