AP 2105  Election/Appointment of Student Members

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The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (District) Chancellor shall ensure that each District college will hold a general election of the students enrolled at the respective colleges; for the purpose of electing or recalling a student trustee of the Governing Board.

Election

The student trustee elections will be held according to the procedures adopted by the Associated Students’ Organizations of the District colleges. Student trustees shall be elected by a plurality vote of those voting in a regular election of the student body at each college. All members of the student body may vote. Under normal circumstances, student elections will be conducted in the spring semester so that the office is filled by June 1.

Recall

The student trustee may be recalled in an election conducted in the same manner as the election to office. A recall election will be called upon presentation of a petition, in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Associated Students’ Organization at the college where the student member is enrolled; or called for cause by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. The Chancellor shall ensure that the student trustees may be recalled by all the students of the student body in an election held for that purpose in accordance with Education Code. No recall election will be held if the petition is received within 30 days of a regularly scheduled election for the student trustee.

Special elections shall be held if the office becomes vacant by reason of the resignation, recall, or disqualification of an elected student member, or by any other reasons. Special elections shall be held within thirty (30) days after notice of the vacancy comes to the attention of the Chancellor.

Vacancy

The office shall become vacant if the student trustee becomes ineligible for the office, resigns, is recalled, or by the student’s demise. When a vacancy occurs for any reason in a student trustee position, the Chancellor shall authorize the Associated Students’ Organization of the college where the vacancy occurred to conduct a special election. The student association shall follow the written procedures adopted by the association for filling a vacant trustee position. The adopted procedures include the opportunity for any student who meets the eligibility criteria for student trustee to be considered for election to the vacant position. There will be no special election if the vacancy occurs within 30 days of a regularly scheduled election for student trustee.