

Text of Proposed Regulatory Changes to Title 5 regarding the Student Senate for California Community Colleges

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges Proposed Revisions to title 5, sections 50002, and 54801: Student Senate for California Community Colleges

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Section 50002 of subchapter 1 of chapter 1 of division 6 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is amended to read:

§ 50002. Student Senate for California Community Colleges.

~~(a) A Student Senate for the California Community Colleges has been established in conjunction with local associated student organizations so that the community college students of California may have a formal and effective means for participating in the formation of state policies that have or may have a significant impact on students.~~

~~(b)~~a) The Board of Governors recognizes the Student Senate for the California Community Colleges as the statewide community college student organization to represent representative of community college-associated student organizations students within the California Community Colleges, including before the Board of Governors and the Chancellor's Office.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700, 70901, Education Code. Reference: Section 70901, 76060.5, Education Code.

Section 54801 of article 1 of subchapter 8 of chapter 5 of division 6 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is repealed.

~~§ 54801. Calling of Election.~~

~~The governing body of each student body association authorized by Education Code section 76060 shall establish procedures for elections conducted for the purpose of collecting a student representation fee, and call an election for such purpose. The election shall, at a minimum, meet the following criteria:~~

~~(a) The student body association on each campus shall maintain in its office written information regarding election procedures. Such information shall be made available to the public upon request.~~

~~(b) Adequate notice of the election shall be given by the student body association. Adequate notice is deemed to be at least ten school days prior to the election date.~~

~~(c) Each election shall be held on a day which counts toward the 175-day requirement as defined in section 58120 of this part. In instances where an election is conducted for more than one day, those days shall be consecutive and shall be limited to a maximum of five days.~~

~~Note: Authority cited: Section 66700, 70901, and 76060.5, Education Code. Reference: Sections 76060 and 76060.5, Education Code.~~

Section 54803 of article 1 of subchapter 8 of chapter 5 of division 6 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is repealed.

~~§ 54803. Termination of Fee.~~

~~(a) Any student representation fee that has been instituted pursuant to the procedures enumerated in section 54801 may be terminated by a majority of the students voting in an election called in one of the following two manners:~~

~~(1) By placing the issue on the ballot for the next regular associated student body election. The issue shall be placed on the ballot upon receipt of a petition indicating an interest in the termination of the representation fee signed by a majority of the number of students who voted in the election establishing the fee.~~

~~(2) Pursuant to procedures pre-established by the student body association for calling such an election. Such procedures shall be available for public inspection during regular business hours.~~

~~(b) The elections shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures established pursuant to section 54801.~~

~~Note: Authority cited: Section 66700, 70901 and 76060.5, Education Code. Reference: Sections 76060 and 76060.5, Education Code.~~

Section 54805 of subchapter 8 of chapter 5 of division 6 of title 5 of the California Code of Regulations is amended to read.

§ 54805. District Collection of the Representation Fee.

District governing boards shall include in the materials given to each student at registration, information pertaining to the student representation fee. The form used by a college for the purpose of collecting the fee, whether paper or digital, shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

(a) a statement indicating that the money collected pursuant to this article shall be expended to provide support for students or representatives who may be stating their positions and viewpoints before city, county, and district government, and before offices and agencies of the state and federal government;

(b) the amount of the fee; and

(c) a statement informing students of their right to ~~refuse to pay the fee for religious, political, moral or financial reasons.~~ decline to pay the student representation fee established by Education Code section 76060.5, in substantially the following form: “I decline to pay the \$2 student representation fee which supports local and statewide community college student advocacy organizations. [Followed by a check box, yes/no option, or similar device to establish consent or refusal].”

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700, 70901 and 76060.5, Education Code. References: Sections 76060 and 76060.5, Education Code.