

**ELECTION OF STUDENT MEMBER, BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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- I. The student member of the Board of Trustees shall be elected by all the students of the student body in a general election held for that purpose. Normally an election will be held in the spring semester so that the office is filled by June 1. The term of office will be for one (1) year, commencing on June 1. The student member shall be elected by a plurality vote of those voting in a regular or special election of the student body. The student member may be recalled by all the students of the student body in an election held for that purpose in accordance with administrative procedures established by the Superintendent/President.
- II. At the time of nomination, and during the term of service, the student member shall be enrolled in and maintain a minimum of five (5) units in the District at the time of nomination and throughout the term of service. The student shall meet and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average overall and at least a 2.0 grade point average each semester. The student must not be on academic, progress, or disciplinary probation.
- III. 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 reason(s). Special elections shall be held within thirty (30) days after notice of the vacancy comes to the attention of the Superintendent/President during the regular school year.
- IV. A vacancy in the position of student trustee shall exist in the event of any of the following:
  - A. The student member fails to meet the eligibility criteria.
  - B. The student member fails to fulfill his/her responsibilities as a Trustee.
  - C. The student member is recalled, following the procedure used to recall the President of Associated Students of Rio Hondo College.
  - D. The student member resigns or dies.

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- V. The student member may be recalled in an election conducted in the same manner as the election to office. An election will be called upon presentation to the Superintendent/President of a petition signed by at least 20% of the number of students who voted in the last regular election. No recall election will be held if the petition is received within sixty (60) days of a regularly scheduled election for the position of student member.
- VI. The Superintendent/President shall call for a recall election within ten (10) days of receiving the recall petition. No special election shall be called if the recall petition is filed within sixty (60) days of a regularly scheduled election for student member.
- VII. The recall election shall take place within thirty (30) days after the Superintendent/President calls for the recall election. The prospective candidates for the recalled election shall have five (5) days to file a petition for candidacy with five (5) subsequent days for election.
  - A. Candidates for the position may nominate themselves or be nominated by others by the filing of an application certifying that the candidate is eligible for service under the criteria set forth in California law and these policies. The election will be conducted in accordance with election procedures established by the officers of the Associated Students of Rio Hondo College.
- VIII. Source/Reference:  
  
Education Code Sections 72023.5, 72103, Former Board Policy & College Procedure 4270; See 62 Ops. California Attorney General 126 (1979).