Student Member on California Community Colleges Board of Governors

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How often do the Board of Governors meet? The Board of Governors holds six bi-monthly meetings throughout the year. You can find their upcoming meeting here.

Where are the meetings held? Most of the Board of Governors meetings are held at the Chancellor's Office, 1102 Q Street, Sacramento, CA. The Board of Governors reserves one meeting throughout the year to be held at a community college. You can find the meeting dates and locations for the upcoming year on the Board of Governors' website linked above.

I don't live in Sacramento. How will I get to the meetings? While on official business, all travel costs are covered! Travel accommodations (flight, train, taxi etc.), hotel accommodations, and meals are provided at no cost to the Board of Governors members. There may be times when a credit/debit card will be required for incidentals at hotels and other services. If expenses are paid out-of-pocket, there is also the option for a reimbursement process at the state rates.

What are some of the responsibilities? As a member, you must commit to attending all meetings of the Board of Governors. Additionally, we would hope that the student members attend the Student Senate for California Community Colleges' monthly board meetings and maintain a strong collaborative relationship with the organization. Attendance at these meetings may be made via zoom. There may be other conference calls, meeting invitations, or speaking opportunities that may present themselves and will depend on the member's availability. We also hope the member has a strong commitment to engaging students in their decision-making process, allocating time to work with student groups, and developing a strong understanding of the California community college climate.

What is the time commitment? We estimate that a student member should dedicate an average of 10-15 hours per week to the responsibilities mentioned above. Some weeks may be busier than others due to scheduled meetings or events, but that time frame should include time to develop a better understanding of the CCC system by information-gathering and connecting with fellow students.

Is it a paid position? No, but members are provided with a $100 per diem plus necessary travel expenses as mentioned above.

How long will I have to serve? As a student member, you will be serving a two-year term. The newly appointed student member will begin to serve immediately after their appointment by the Governor's Office with their term ending in June.

Will I be able to vote as a student member? Yes, as a student member, you will have a full vote on the Board of Governors.

I plan to transfer in one year. Can I still apply? Yes, a student can apply if they wish to transfer in the next year. As mentioned above, the student is asked to serve for two years. Our hope is that the student members exclusively be a community college student throughout their two years, but there have been student members in the past who transfer and be concurrently enrolled at a CCC. If transferring, the student member must continue taking five (5) semester units at a CCC in addition to their course work at their university. The student's expected transfer/graduation date may be considered when reviewing applications.

What are the minimum qualifications? Student members must be enrolled in a minimum of five (5) semester units, or its equivalent, at the time of appointment and throughout their term, or until a replacement has been named. Student members must be enrolled in a community college at least one (1) semester before their appointment, and they should meet and maintain the minimum standards of scholarship for community college students.

How many Board of Governors members are there? There are seventeen (17) total members including two students. You can see the list of current members using this link.

Will late applications be considered? At this time, we will not be considering any late applications. We will provide any updates if necessary.

How do we find these updates? Through social media: feel free to follow us on Instagram at ssccc_official. Through our email listservs: If you have not done so already, we highly encourage all applicants to subscribe to our email listserv. You can sign up using this link.

What happens after we submit our applications? The SSCCC will then begin an internal review process and vote to recommend 3-5 students to the Governor's Office for their consideration.

Does the Governor's Office also have a review process? How long does that take? Yes! By statute, the student member will be serving on the Board of Governors as a Governor's Appointee. While the SSCCC handles the preliminary nomination process, ultimately it is the Governor's Office that makes the official announcement. After receiving the SSCCC recommendations, the Governor's Office may request additional information and schedule interviews with the applicants. This process can take anywhere from a few weeks to a few months, depending on the governor's staff workload.

Where do I go if I have more questions? You can contact our Executive Director by emailing jadams@ssccc.org.