



## Student Senate for California Community Colleges Regional Elections Policy

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### **I. Eligibility**

- A.** In accordance with the Student Senate for California Community Colleges Bylaws Article V Section 3 and California Education Code §76060, any currently enrolled California Community College student meeting and maintaining compliance with the requirements shall be eligible to serve as a regional officer.
- B.** Upon being elected, an officer shall have 10 business days to submit verification paperwork to [verification@studentsenateccc.org](mailto:verification@studentsenateccc.org). If the candidate fails to provide all the documentation required, or does not meet the eligibility requirements for the position, a special election shall be held.

### **II. Elections Process**

#### **A. Regular Elections**

The Region shall hold regular elections for its Region Officers at the May Region Delegate Assembly Meeting each year. The process shall be as follows:

1. The Region Chair or Vice President of Regional Affairs shall chair the elections, beginning with opening the floor for nominations. No candidate running for any position shall chair the elections portion of the meeting.
2. The elections process shall occur by position.
3. Nominations may only be made by a member of the Region Delegate Assembly.
4. No individual shall be considered a candidate unless they accept the nomination. Self-nominations shall require a second.
5. Nominations shall be closed if there are no further nominations.
6. The candidates may make an opening statement of no more than two minutes in the order of which they were nominated.
7. The Region Delegate Assembly may elect to ask the candidates no more than three questions. The Chair shall select questions from the Region Delegate Assembly.
8. The candidates shall be asked the same question and may have no more than two minutes to respond to each question.
9. The Chair shall open the floor for endorsements of no more than two per candidate limited to no more than one minute each.

10. The candidate may make a closing statement of no more than one minute in the order in which they are nominated.
11. Election votes may be recorded by a roll call vote or a ballot. Ballots shall include the name of the voting member, the name of the candidate, and the position to which they are being elected to be valid. The ballots shall be collected, publicly counted, and then announced by the Chair.
12. In the event no candidate receives a majority, the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be eliminated, and a runoff election held. If the candidates with the least amount of votes are tied, then a runoff election for elimination will occur with one candidate being eliminated in each round. If the votes remain tied, the chair will break the tie. This shall repeat until a candidate is elected with a majority.

## **B. Special Elections**

1. Elections that are held outside of the regularly scheduled May region meeting will be considered a Special Election. They will be governed as outlined in the general elections. Seven (7) days notice must be given in order to hold a special election.
2. Upon the vacancy of a Region Officer, the line of succession will be utilized. In the event that the line of succession is exhausted, a special election will be held.

## **C. Removals**

Removals of Region Officers shall be conducted per SSSCC Bylaws and regional removal procedures. The regional removal procedures shall be as follows:

1. The person who initiates the article of removal shall be referred to as the plaintiff. The Region Officer who is subject to an article of removal shall be referred to as the defendant.
2. Only an article of removal submitted by a Delegate of the Region, a Region Officer, or the Vice President of Regional Affairs shall be considered.
3. If all Region Officers are the subjects of articles of removal then the notice shall be provided to the Vice President of Regional Affairs. The Vice President of Regional Affairs shall notify the Region Delegate Assembly about the article of removal.
4. The defendant(s) shall be notified within three (3) business days of receipt of the article of removal.
5. The Region Chair or the Vice President of Regional Affairs shall chair a hearing and provide the article of removal.

- a. Seven (7) days of public notice need to be given before the hearing.
- b. No defendant shall chair the hearing.
- c. The Chair shall commence the proceedings by reading provisions of this policy to the Region Delegate Assembly.
- d. The plaintiff shall have up to three minutes to present their article of removal.
- e. The defendant shall have up to three minutes to respond.
- f. The plaintiff shall have up to two minutes to respond.
- g. The defendant shall have up to two minutes to respond.
- h. The Delegate Assembly shall have a period to ask questions.
- i. The Delegate Assembly shall then hold a vote.

**D. Resignations**

1. A resignation of a Regional Officer shall be effective once submitted to the Region Chair. If a member of the Board of Directors is resigning, they must adhere to Article V, Section 11, Subsection 1 of the SSCCC Bylaws.
2. A notification to the public shall be sent out by a Region Officer or the Vice President of Regional Affairs within three days of the resignation with details on the meeting at which the special election for that position is held.

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