

## **SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Jack Scott, Chair**  
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**BILL NO:** SB 283  
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**FISCAL COMM:** No  
**URGENCY:** No  
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**SUBJECT:** Community Colleges Board of Governors – Student Member

### **SUMMARY**

This bill changes the organization responsible for providing to the Governor a list of at least three names of potential student members to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, as specified.

### **BACKGROUND**

Under current law, the California Community Colleges (CCC) Board of Governors (BOG) consists of 16 voting members, all appointed by the Governor. These include:

- 1) Twelve (12) members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of 2/3 of the membership of the Senate. These members serve for six year (staggered) terms. Two of the 13 members shall be current or former elected members of local CCC district governing boards.
- 2) One voting student member and one nonvoting student member, as specified, to be appointed from a list of names of at least three persons submitted to the Governor by the California Student Association of Community Colleges.
- 3) Two tenured faculty members, for two-year terms, appointed from a list of names of at least three persons furnished by the Academic Senate of the CCCs.
- 4) One classified employee, for a two-year term, appointed from a list of at least three persons furnished by the exclusive representatives of classified employees of the CCCs.

### **ANALYSIS**

This bill establishes the “Student Senate for California Community Colleges,” rather than the “California Student Association of Community Colleges” (CalSACC) as the entity responsible for submitting a list of at least three names of students to the Governor from which he will appoint the student member

representative to the CCC BOG.

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

- 1) Who Currently Represents CCC Students? In July 2006, the CCC Chancellor's office recognized the Student Senate for California Community Colleges as the representative voice of the 2.5 million CCC students. The CalSACC Memorandum of Understanding was revoked in May 2005 and the organization is currently **virtually non-existent**.
- 2) Current Status of Student Representatives to CCC BOG. The two student representative seats on the CCC BOG are currently vacant and waiting to be filled (the prior terms have expired.)
- 3) Amendment. Rather than naming the specific organization, it appears to make more sense to identify the organization as "the student organization recognized by the CCC BOG." This would preclude the necessity, should the student organization name change again in the future, of having to amend statute in order to have student representation. Accordingly, **staff recommends** that the bill be so amended.

### **SUPPORT**

California Federation of Teachers  
Chancellor's Office, California Community Colleges  
College of the Canyons  
Faculty Association of California Community Colleges  
Kern Community College District  
Los Angeles Valley College  
Student Senate for California Community Colleges

### **OPPOSITION**

None received.