DUTIES

- Faculty Trustee is a 12-month position. Duties include attending all Board of Trustee, Trustee Committee, Senate Plenary, and Senate Executive Committee meetings. The Faculty Trustee serves a two-year term and normally visits several campuses during their term to meet with faculty and discuss Board of Trustee actions.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINEES FOR FACULTY TRUSTEE

- Candidates must be faculty members who are tenured at the California State University campus at which they teach currently and shall not hold any administrative positions other than department chair or equivalent.

- Candidates shall have demonstrated records of excellence in teaching, professional achievement, and university service.

- Candidates shall possess experience in academic governance in the California State University.

- The appointed faculty trustee shall not be a member of the Academic Senate of the California State University. Should the faculty trustee be a member of the Academic Senate CSU at the time of appointment, that person shall resign from the Senate.

- The Academic Senate CSU shall resolve questions as to definitions and eligibility.

PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING TRUSTEE NOMINEES

- These procedures shall be initiated at least one full academic term in advance of the time that Faculty Trustee nominations are to be made.

- Each campus senate shall develop procedures for selecting eligible nominees. As at least one option, the procedures shall allow for nominations by petition. Each such nomination shall require the signed concurrence of at least 10% of the full-time teaching faculty or 50 such faculty members, whichever is less. The campus senate or council shall forward the names of all eligible nominees to the Academic Senate CSU by a date to be determined by the Academic Senate CSU.

- From each nominee, the local senate chair shall forward (1) the completed cover sheet, (2) a current vita structured to the eligibility criteria, (3) a statement of no more than 500 words expressing his or her views of the position, and (4) a narrative of no more than 250 words giving evidence of teaching excellence.

- The Academic Senate CSU Faculty Trustee Recommending Committee shall be composed of seven non-candidate faculty members as follows:

  a. Five members shall be elected by and from the Academic Senate CSU in the manner of election as the at-large Executive Committee positions. No campus shall have more than one representative.

  b. Their local senates shall select two additional members. These members shall be selected from two campuses, chosen by lot from the Academic Senate CSU, and from those campuses not represented by the five previously selected campuses. The qualifications for these two faculty members shall be the same as eligibility for election to the Academic Senate CSU according to its constitution and bylaws.
Criteria For Nominees For Faculty Trustee (cont.)

- The committee shall determine its own procedures for selecting candidates for nomination.
- The Faculty Trustee Recommending Committee shall screen the original list of nominees and develop recommendations with supporting information.

The committee shall present four candidates for nomination to the Senate. The nominee recommendations of the committee shall be made available to the Academic Senate CSU at the January plenary session. The confidential files of these candidates shall be made available for review in the Senate office to members of the Academic Senate CSU at that time and at the plenary session in which the determination of the nominees is made. Unless otherwise determined by vote of the Academic Senate CSU, selection of nominees for the post of faculty trustee shall be made at the March meeting of the Academic Senate CSU immediately preceding the end of the tenure of the incumbent faculty trustee.

- All academic senators of the Academic Senate CSU are eligible to vote.
- The Academic Senate CSU, acting in executive session, chaired by the Chair, Faculty Trustee Recommending Committee, shall designate the final (two or more) nominees by secret ballot in the following manner, conducting as many votes as necessary:

The Senate shall be provided with ballots containing the names of all the forwarded candidates in alphabetical order.

Each senator may vote for as many candidates as he or she wishes in each voting round. Candidates become nominees in the voting round in which he or she obtains approval of at least two-thirds of the ballots of eligible voters. At the close of each voting round the names of nominated candidates shall be eliminated from further voting consideration.

Voting shall be continued by the procedures indicated above until at least a sufficient number of candidates (two) have been nominated to meet the legal requirements.

When that condition obtains, the Senate shall determine by majority vote whether it wishes to continue balloting. If the Senate chooses to continue, one further round of voting, one time, shall take place. Any candidate not nominated by these regular procedures is again eligible for nomination at this time. Any candidate receiving two-thirds of the votes of eligible voters in this round of voting is declared a nominee.

- The Chair of the Academic Senate CSU shall forward the names of the designated nominees to the Governor.

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