

SB 1515 – YEE

COMPOSITION OF CSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Last year, the California State University hiked executives' pay while raising student fees. Last year, when the CSU Board of Trustees raised fall tuition by 12 percent, they also awarded the new president of San Diego State a \$400,000 salary – \$100,000 more than his predecessor.

The current composition of the Board of Trustees only includes one faculty member and one voting student out of 24 voting members. The actions of the Board have become increasingly disconnected from the constituents of the CSU, including students, faculty, and staff.

EXISTING LAW

Currently the CSU Board of Trustees is comprised of 25 members, 24 of whom are voting members.

The Governor appoints 2 students from a list of candidates furnished to him by the California State Student Association. The students serve for 2 year terms and their appointments are staggered. The student in their second year is a voting trustee, and the first year student is the only non-voting member of the Board. The Governor also appoints one faculty member from a list furnished by the Statewide Academic Senate. The CSU Statewide Alumni Council appoints one Alumni Trustee. The student, faculty and alumni appointments are not subject to Senate confirmation and serve 2 year terms.

The 5 ex officio members are the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the CSU Chancellor.

The Governor appoints the remaining 16 members who must be confirmed by a 2/3 vote of the State Senate, and they serve for 8 years terms. In addition to the 2 students and

one faculty member this creates a total of 19 appointments that the Governor can make.

BILL SUMMARY

SB 1515 would reduce the number of unspecified appointments the governor makes from 16 to 14. Within those 14 selections will be a requirement to choose 2 CSU faculty members and 2 CSU non-faculty represented employees chosen at the Governor's discretion. These 4 appointments will be subject to a 2/3 confirmation by the Senate and will serve for 8 year terms the same as the remaining 10 appointments of the Governor.

The number of student appointments will double from 2 to 4. The student appointments will be staggered with 2 students chosen in every odd numbered year, and 2 chosen in every even numbered year. The 2 second year students will be voting members, and the 2 first year students will both be non-voting members. With 4 student appointments, the existing 1 faculty appointment, and the other 14 appointments the governor will still be responsible for the selection of 19 trustees in total. The total number of trustees will remain at 25, but the voting number will now be 23.