

# **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** ASI Board of Directors **DATE:** May 10, 2017

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SUBJECT: Endorsement #17-07 - Assembly Bill 1062 (Levine) - Postsecondary Education: Trustees of the California State University

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## Purpose of the proposed Endorsement

The purpose of this Endorsement is to show support of "AB 1062 - Postsecondary Education: Trustees of the California State University"

### Background

Assembly Bill 1062 proposes to increase the number of student representatives on the California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees from two members to four members. This bill would add one voting member and one non-voting member. This bill would double the number of students on the board with voting powers. Increasing the number of student representatives on the CSU Board of Trustees would give students a greater and more powerful presence in the oversight of the CSU system. Student Trustees know firsthand what is needed on college campuses and can easily communicate with other students to provide accurate representation. Endorsing Assembly Bill 1062 would send a strong message that Cal Poly students desire to promote student interests and improve what is needed across the entire CSU system.

### **Requested Action**

We therefore request that the ASI Board of Directors endorse AB 1062 – Postsecondary education: CSU Board of Trustees. If approved, please forward this endorsement to CSU Chancellor Timothy White, the California State University Board of Trustees, Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham, Assemblyman Marc Levine, Assemblyman and Chair of the Higher Education Committee Jose Medina, Assemblywoman and Vice Chair of the Higher Education Committee Catharine B. Baker, Assemblywoman and Chair of the Appropriations Committee Lorena S. Gonzalez, Assemblyman and Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee Frank Bigelow, and President Jeffrey D. Armstrong.

#### Attachment

[Assembly Bill 1062 (Levine) - Postsecondary Education: Trustees of the California State University]

### AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 28, 2017

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

## **ASSEMBLY BILL**

No. 1062

# **Introduced by Assembly Member Levine**

February 16, 2017

An act to amend Section 66602 of the Education Code, relating to postsecondary education.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1062, as amended, Levine. Postsecondary education: Trustees of the California State University.

Existing law establishes the various campuses of the California State University under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University. Existing law provides for the membership of the Trustees of the California State University to include 5 specified ex officio members, 16 appointive members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate, one representative of the alumni associations, 2 student members appointed by the Governor, and a faculty member appointed by the Governor.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to the provisions governing membership. revise the membership of the board of trustees by requiring the Governor to appoint 2 additional student members, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 66602 of the Education Code is amended to read:

- 66602. (a) The board shall be composed of the following five ex officio members: the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the person named by the trustees to serve as the Chancellor of the California State University; a representative of the alumni associations of the state university, selected for a two-year term by the alumni council, California State University, which representative shall not be an employee of the California State University during the two-year term; and 16 appointive members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by two-thirds of the membership of the Senate.
- (b) (1) Two Four students from the California State University, who shall have at least sophomore year standing at the institutions they attend, and who remain in good standing as students during their respective terms, shall also be appointed by the Governor to serve on the board for two-year terms.
- (2) In selecting students as members of the board, the Governor shall appoint the students from lists of names of at least two, but not more than five, persons furnished by the governing board of any statewide student organization that represents the students of the California State University and the student body organizations of the campuses of the California State University. Any appointment to fill a vacancy of a student member shall be effective only for the remainder of the term of the student member's office that became vacated.
- (3) (A) The term of office of one two student member members of the board shall commence on July 1 of an even-numbered year and expire on June 30 two years thereafter. The term of office of the other two student—member members of the board shall commence on July 1 of an odd-numbered year and expire on June 30 two years thereafter. Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a student member who graduates from his or her college or university on or after January 1 of the second year of his or her term of office may serve the remainder of the term.
- (B) Each student member, upon appointment to a full-term or during the first year of a term to fill a vacancy, shall be linked with

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a different student member whose two-year term of office commenced the prior year.

- (C) (i) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), for the expansion of student membership from two to four members for the 2018–19 academic year only, one student member shall be appointed to a one-year term of office and one student member shall be appointed to a two-year term of office. These members shall be linked with each other.
- (ii) For purposes of paragraphs (4) and (5), the student member appointed to a one-year term of office pursuant to this subparagraph shall exercise the same duties and have the same privileges as a student member in the second year of his or her two-year term of office, and if that student member is absent from a meeting due to illness, a family emergency, or medical emergency, or resigns from office, the other student member with whom he or she is linked pursuant to clause (i) shall exercise those duties and have those privileges during that meeting or for the remainder of the term following the resignation.
- (4) (A) During the first year of a student member's term, a student member shall be a member of the board and may attend all meetings of the board and its committees. At these meetings, a student member may fully participate in discussion and debate, but may not vote. During the second year of a student member's term, a student member may exercise the same right to attend meetings of the board, and its committees, and shall have the same right to vote as the members appointed pursuant to subdivision (a).
- (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), during the first year of a student member's term, the a student member member, during the first year of his or her two-year term, may vote at a board meeting if the other student member with whom he or she is linked, pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3), is absent from that meeting due to illness, a family emergency, or a medical emergency.
- (5) Notwithstanding paragraph (4), if a student member resigns from office or a vacancy is otherwise created in that office during the second year of—a *the* student member's term, the—remaining student member *with whom he or she is linked* shall immediately assume the office created by the vacancy and all of the participation

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privileges of the second-year student member, including the right to vote, for the remainder of that term of office.

- (6) A student member shall have his or her tuition fee waived for the duration of his or her term of office.
- (c) (1) A faculty member from the California State University, who shall be tenured at the California State University campus at which he or she teaches, shall also be appointed by the Governor to serve on the board for a two-year term. In the selection of a faculty member as a member of the board, the Governor shall appoint the faculty member from a list of names of at least two persons furnished by the Academic Senate of the California State University.
- (2) The faculty member of the board appointed by the Governor pursuant to this subdivision shall not participate on any subcommittee of the board responsible for collective bargaining negotiations.
- (3) The two-year term of office of the faculty member of the board shall commence on July 1, and, if the Governor has not appointed a successor under paragraph (1), the faculty member may remain in office after the term expires for one additional year, or until a successor is appointed by the Governor, whichever occurs first.