

**STUDENT TRUSTEE**

The Board of Trustees of Mendocino-Lake Community College District shall include one student member. The term of office shall be one year, commencing and ending on May 15 of each year.

The Student member shall be elected or appointed by the student body in accordance with the Constitution of the Associated Students of Mendocino College.

The Student member shall be seated with the Board and shall be recognized as a full member of the Board at meetings. As a member of a group that uses College services and programs, the Student member offers a student perspective in discussions but is not necessarily an advocate for student issues. The Student member has the same responsibility as all trustees – to make board decisions that benefit the community as a whole. The Student member is encouraged to participate in the discussion of issues and agenda items in open session.

The Board of Trustees may grant the Student member any or all of the following privileges in accordance with Education Code 72023.5:

- Make and second motions
- Make advisory votes
- Be compensated as specified in Policy 209

Any change in the rights and privileges of the Student Trustee shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees by May 15 of each year. Such rights and privileges shall be effective until May 15 of the following year.

The Student member shall receive orientation from the Superintendent/President and will be mentored by a Board member appointed by the Board.

The Student member is encouraged to participate in educational opportunities for Student Trustees. All travel expenses for conferences or statewide meetings shall be covered by the Associated Students of Mendocino College.

Reference: Education Code Section 72023.5