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AB 958: Improving Faculty Representation on the CSU Board of Trustees

SUMMARY

AB 958 will enhance faculty representation on the California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees by requiring the Governor to appoint an additional faculty member to the Board for a total of two faculty appointees.

BACKGROUND

Existing law details the composition of the CSU Board of Trustees which consists of 5 ex officio members: The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, The Superintendent of Public Instruction; the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Chancellor of the CSU system.

A representative of the alumni associations of the CSUs is appointed (this appointee shall not be an employee of the CSU during their term) and 16 additional members are appointed by the Governor and are subject to confirmation by the State Senate. There are also two student members of the board.

The Governor must appoint one faculty member from a list of two members furnished by the Academic Senate of the California State University. The CSU currently employs over 20,000 faculty members at its 23 campuses however, there is currently only one faculty representative on the Board of Trustees.

This bill ensures a broader range of faculty voices, experiences, and disciplines are considered in the

governance process, thereby enhancing the board's decision-making with a richer and more diverse set of perspectives.

The involvement of faculty in the decision-making processes of the CSU is crucial for several reasons. Faculty members bring a unique and necessary perspective to the table, grounded in their direct interaction with students and firsthand understanding of the educational environment. Faculty insight is invaluable in shaping policies and decisions that affect academic integrity, educational quality, and student success within the CSU system.

THIS BILL

AB 958 will require the Governor to appoint an additional faculty representative to the CSU Board of Trustees to foster a more equitable and balanced approach to CSU governance.

SUPPORT

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