

appoint to the board either or both of the following persons as members with all rights of participation:

- a) A member of the faculty at a campus of the UC or of another institution of higher education.
- b) A student enrolled at a UC campus for each regular academic term during their service as a UC Regent.
- c) Any person so appointed under 3) serves for not less than one year commencing on July 1.

This measure, if approved by voters:

- 1) Requires the UC Regents to appoint four students (two voting and two non-voting) to the UC Regents. Beginning on July 1, 2027, and every July 1 thereafter, the students are to be appointed as follows:
 - a) One undergraduate student appointed in an odd-numbered year and one undergraduate student appointed in an even-numbered year. Both students will serve a two-year term. During the first year, the undergraduate students serve as the student Regent-designee with nonvoting authority, and in the second year, the undergraduate students is to serve as student Regent with full voting authority.
 - b) One graduate student appointed in an odd-numbered year and one graduate student appointed in an even-numbered year is to serve a term of two years. During the first year, the graduate students serve as the student Regent-designee with nonvoting authority, and in the second year, the graduate students serve as the student Regent with full voting authority.
 - c) The UC Regents must consult with representatives of students of the UC, including the UC Student Association (UCSA) and the UC Graduate and Professional Council, or their successor organizations.
 - d) The appointed students who graduate from the UC on or after January 1 of the second year of the student's two-year term of office may serve the remainder of the student's term.
- 2) Makes technical changes.

COMMENTS

- 1) Author's Statement. Sixteen years ago, I came to the State Capitol as a UC San Diego student to protest tuition hikes by the UC Regents. Today, students are facing those same challenges: rising tuition, unaffordable housing, and growing uncertainty that impacts their ability to succeed. Yet on the 26-member UC Board of Regents, only one student has a vote.

Students deserve more than a seat in the room. They deserve a vote that counts. This measure is about fairness, accountability, and meaningful representation. By expanding student voting power on the UC Regents, this constitutional amendment ensures that the voices of those most impacted by decisions on tuition, housing, and student life are heard loud and clear.

Now more than ever, it's time to put students first and give them a real say in the decisions that shape their education and future.

- 2) Student Consultation. Under this measure, student-regent appointments are to be made in consultation with student representatives, including UCSA and the UC Graduate and Professional Council.

UCSA is a systemwide organization composed of representatives from UC student governments and participates in student engagement, policy discussions, and shared governance matters affecting UC students. Nine of the ten UC campuses are represented in UCSA, with the exception being UC San Francisco.

The Graduate and Professional Council is the equivalent organization for graduate and professional students. According to their website, there are nine board directors who represent each active Graduate Student Association on each UC campus. UC Santa Cruz is currently not recognized.

It should be noted that the Regents are permitted to consult with student organizations beyond UCSA and the UC Graduate and Professional Council.

- 3) What's on the Ballot? The author intends for this measure to be placed for the November 3, 2026, statewide general election. The measure would need to be adopted by the Legislature by June 25, 2026.

As of June 1, 2026, there are three legislature ballot measures and five initiatives eligible for the November 3, 2026, statewide general election.

- 4) Double Referral. Prior to being heard by this committee, this measure was heard and approved by the Senate Committee on Education with a vote of 6-0.

RELATED/PRIOR LEGISLATION

SCA 5 (Glazer) of 2021 would have required, rather than authorized, the members of the UC Regents to appoint two students enrolled at a UC campus. The measure was held on the Assembly Committee on Appropriations' Suspense File.

PRIOR ACTION

Assembly Floor:	76 - 0
Assembly Appropriations Committee:	15 - 0
Assembly Higher Education Committee:	9 - 0

POSITIONS

Sponsor: University of California Students Association

Support: John Burton Advocates for Youth
United Food and Commercial Workers Western States Council

Oppose: None received

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