
SENATE BILL 6070

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2007 Regular Session

By Senators Shin, Sheldon, Spanel and Delvin

Read first time 02/19/2007. Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to the modification of the governing boards of
2 state colleges and universities; amending RCW 28B.20.100, 28B.30.100,
3 28B.35.100, and 28B.40.100; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds:

6 (1) College and university faculty are subject specialists in
7 teaching and learning assessment, as well as their specialized fields;

8 (2) College and university faculty are frontline service providers,
9 designing courses, assessing students, supervising student research,
10 pursuing research grants, and conducting studies that can affect the
11 health, economy, teaching, music, and art of the state; and

12 (3) College and university faculty are policymakers, establishing
13 admissions standards for programs, curricula for programs, degree
14 requirements, and the need for and acceptability of new degree
15 programs, at the levels of the department, for each school or college,
16 and for the college or university as a whole.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.20.100 and 2006 c 78 s 1 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

1 (1) The governance of the University of Washington shall be vested
2 in a board of regents to consist of ten members, one of whom shall be
3 a student and, beginning with the first appointment after the effective
4 date of this section, one of whom shall be a full-time member of the
5 faculty of the university. The governor shall select the student
6 member from a list of candidates, of at least three and not more than
7 five, submitted by the governing body of the associated students. The
8 governor shall select the faculty member from a list of candidates, of
9 at least three and not more than five, submitted by the governing body
10 of the university faculty. They shall be appointed by the governor
11 with the consent of the senate, and, except for the student member,
12 shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the first day of
13 October and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified.
14 The student member shall hold his or her office for a term of one year
15 from the first day of July until the first day of July of the following
16 year or until his or her successor is appointed and qualified,
17 whichever is later. The student member shall be a full-time student in
18 good standing at the university at the time of appointment.

19 (2) Six members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the
20 transaction of business. In the case of a vacancy, or when an
21 appointment is made after the date of the expiration of a term, the
22 governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the
23 regent whose office has become vacant or expired.

24 (3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the
25 terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of
26 September in any one year.

27 (4) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or
28 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,
29 discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

30 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.30.100 and 2006 c 78 s 2 are each amended to read
31 as follows:

32 (1) The governance of Washington State University shall be vested
33 in a board of regents to consist of ten members one of whom shall be a
34 student and, beginning with the first appointment after the effective
35 date of this section, one of whom shall be a full-time member of the
36 faculty of the university. The governor shall select the student
37 member from a list of candidates, of at least three and not more than

1 five, submitted by the governing body of the associated students. The
2 governor shall select the faculty member from a list of candidates, of
3 at least three and not more than five, submitted by the governing body
4 of the university faculty. They shall be appointed by the governor, by
5 and with the consent of the senate and, except for the student member,
6 shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the first day of
7 October and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The
8 student member shall hold his or her office for a term of one year from
9 the first day of July until the first day of July of the following year
10 or until his or her successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is
11 later. The student member shall be a full-time student in good
12 standing at the university at the time of appointment.

13 (2) Six members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the
14 transaction of business. In the case of a vacancy or when an
15 appointment is made after the date of the expiration of a term, the
16 governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the
17 regent whose office has become vacant or expired.

18 (3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the
19 terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of
20 September in any one year.

21 (4) Each regent shall, before entering upon the discharge of his or
22 her respective duties as such, execute a good and sufficient bond to
23 the state of Washington, with two or more sufficient sureties,
24 residents of the state, or with a surety company licensed to do
25 business within the state, in the penal sum of not less than five
26 thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his or
27 her duties as such regent: PROVIDED, That the university shall pay any
28 fees incurred for any such bonds for their board members.

29 (5) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or
30 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,
31 discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

32 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.35.100 and 2006 c 78 s 3 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 (1) The governance of each of the regional universities shall be
35 vested in a board of trustees consisting of eight members, one of whom
36 shall be a student and, beginning with the first appointment after the
37 effective date of this section, one of whom shall be a full-time member

1 of the faculty of the university. The governor shall select the
2 student member from a list of candidates, of at least three and not
3 more than five, submitted by the governing body of the associated
4 students. The governor shall select the faculty member from a list of
5 candidates, of at least three and not more than five, submitted by the
6 governing body of the university faculty. They shall be appointed by
7 the governor with the consent of the senate and, except for the student
8 member, shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the first
9 day of October and until their successors are appointed and qualified.
10 The student member shall hold his or her office for a term of one year
11 from the first day of July and until the first day of July of the
12 following year or until his or her successor is appointed and
13 qualified, whichever is later. The student member shall be a full-time
14 student in good standing at the respective university at the time of
15 appointment.

16 (2) Five members of the board constitute a quorum for the
17 transaction of business. In case of a vacancy, or when an appointment
18 is made after the date of expiration of the term, the governor shall
19 fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the trustee whose
20 office has become vacant or expired.

21 (3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the
22 terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of
23 September in any one year.

24 (4) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or
25 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,
26 discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

27 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.40.100 and 2006 c 78 s 4 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (1) The governance of The Evergreen State College shall be vested
30 in a board of trustees consisting of eight members, one of whom shall
31 be a student and, beginning with the first appointment after the
32 effective date of this section, one of whom shall be a full-time member
33 of the faculty of the college. The governor shall select the student
34 member from a list of candidates, of at least three and not more than
35 five, submitted by the student body. The governor shall select the
36 faculty member from a list of candidates, of at least three and not
37 more than five, submitted by the college faculty. They shall be

1 appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate and, except
2 for the student member, shall hold their offices for a term of six
3 years from the first day of October and until their successors are
4 appointed and qualified. The student member shall hold his or her
5 office for a term of one year from the first day of July and until the
6 first day of July of the following year or until his or her successor
7 is appointed and qualified, whichever is later. The student member
8 shall be a full-time student in good standing at the college at the
9 time of appointment.

10 (2) Five members of the board constitute a quorum for the
11 transaction of business. In case of a vacancy, or when an appointment
12 is made after the date of expiration of the term, the governor shall
13 fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the trustee whose
14 office has become vacant or expired.

15 (3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the
16 terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of
17 September in any one year.

18 (4) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or
19 herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring,
20 discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

--- END ---