

**Office of the President**

**TO MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNANCE AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE:**

**ACTION ITEM**

*For Meeting of January 16, 2019*

**EXTENSION OF STUDENT ADVISOR PILOT PROGRAM**

In January 2016, the Regents approved a two-year pilot program for a position of Student Advisor to the Board of Regents, beginning in July 2017, that would be reviewed at the end of the two years. The main goal of the program was to provide the Regents with a more comprehensive perspective on the student experience by appointing an advisor from the population not represented by the student Regent, given that the issues faced by undergraduate, graduate, and professional students vary tremendously. It was also hoped that the shorter time commitment of one year of service would generate more interest and applications, that it would improve relations between students and the Board of Regents by fostering a greater sense of student involvement, and that it would increase dialogue among the various constituents of the University of California, without diluting the voting power of the current Regents.

The program has been in operation for 18 months, but it is not yet clear whether it has met its goals or potential. Based on consultation with Regent Graves, Regents Kieffer and Sherman recommend that the pilot program be extended for one year (from July 2019 to June 2020), and that a decision on whether to recruit candidates for a fourth year be made by December 2019.

During the 2019-20 term, the Regents' office will conduct a review of the student advisor position that will invite student leaders to provide recommendations to improve the recruitment and selection process for the student advisor.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Regents Kieffer and Sherman recommend that the Governance and Compensation Committee recommend that the Regents extend the pilot program for the position of Student Advisor to the Board of Regents for one year to June 30, 2020.