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53203. Powers. After consultation with the administration of its Community College, the academic senate or faculty council may present its written views and recommendations to the governing board. The governing board shall consider and respond to such views and recommendations.

53204. "Meet and Confer." Upon the request of the academic senate or faculty council and subject to Chapter 9 (commencing with Sections 54950) Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 of the Government Code relating to public meetings when applicable, the governing board or such board members or administrative officers as it may designate shall meet and confer with representatives of the academic senate or faculty council with respect to recommendations made or proposed to be made by the senate or council. The designation of board member or administrative officers as provided herein shall not preclude the representatives of an academic senate or a faculty council from meeting with, or appearing before, the governing board with respect to the views, recommendations, or proposals of the senate or council at a regular or special meeting of the board.

53205. Duties assigned by Administration and Governing Board. An academic senate or faculty council may assume such responsibilities and perform such functions as may be requested of it by the administration of its Community College or the governing board of the district maintaining its Community College.

- B. All discussions, conferences, and other communications shall be carried on in an atmosphere of respect and courtesy characteristic of the offices held by the Academic Senate members, the Administrative Officers, and the classified and supervisory staff of the El Camino Community College District.
- II. Principles of District Operation
- The Governing Board is by law officially responsible for the final determination of all policy matters for the District and cannot relinquish or delegate that responsibility to others.
- A. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to preclude the normal day-to-day communication necessary for the operation of an effective educational program.
  - B. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to withhold from any individual employee the rights and privileges he may possess as an individual citizen or employee. Further, these rules shall not prevent an individual employee from

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presenting his views on his own behalf to the Administration or the Governing Board.

- C. Nothing in this policy shall limit the right of the Governing Board, the Superintendent or his representatives to meet and discuss matters of individual or group concern with any individual employee or any group of such employees.

### III. Responsibilities of the Academic Senate

- A. The Academic Senate operates within the framework of El Camino College to suggest, help formulate, revise, and carry out District policies.
- B. The Senate shall represent the faculty and help facilitate meaningful communication among faculty, Administration, and Board.
- C. The Academic Senate assumes the responsibility to participate in the identification, improvement, and evaluation of the educational standards and practices of the institution.
- D. The Senate will seriously consider and promptly respond to any assignments made by the Board of Trustees or the Administration.
- E. In addition to the regular academic year, the Senate will provide responsible leadership for the purposes of liaison with the Administration and Board of Trustees during at least the six weeks summer session each year.

### IV. Rights of the Academic Senate

- A. Monthly during the academic year, and when the need arises, representatives of the Administration, including the President's Cabinet, shall meet with the Senate Executive Committee to discuss all issues of interest to either or both groups. The President-Superintendent of the college and the Senate President, or their designees, shall serve as chairmen of these meetings during alternate semesters.
- B. The President of the Academic Senate or his designee shall attend meetings of the President's Committee, and the President of the college or his designee shall attend meetings of the Academic Council. Additionally, Senate representatives and Administration representatives shall attend such other meetings as are agreed upon annually at the first meeting of the joint Senate-Administration Committee.

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- C. The Vice President-Instruction shall have a special responsibility to provide administrative liaison with the Senate, but he shall not be the only channel for cooperation and communication.
- D. The Senate shall be provided with adequate facilities and budget as determined by the Board of Trustees in order that it may carry out the functions assigned to it.
- E. Senate responsibilities will be considered by the Deans of Instruction when developing teaching schedules for officers of the Academic Senate.

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