

## **Board Policy 2510**

## **Participation in Local Decision Making**

The Board is the ultimate decision-maker in those areas assigned to it by state and federal laws and regulations. In executing that responsibility, the Board is committed to its obligation to ensure that appropriate members of the District participate in developing recommended policies for Board action and administrative procedures for Superintendent/President action under which the District is governed and administered.

Each of the following shall participate as required by law in the decision-making processes of the District:

### **Academic Senate(s)** (Title 5, Sections 53200-53206.)

The Board or its designees will consult collegially with the Academic Senate, as duly constituted with respect to academic and professional matters, as defined by law. Procedures to implement this section are developed collegially with the Academic Senate.

The Board will normally accept the recommendations of the Academic Senate on academic and professional matters as defined by Sub-Chapter 2, Section 53200, et seq., California Administrative Code, Title 5, and as listed below:

1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines;
2. Degree and certificate requirements;
3. Grading policies;
4. Educational program development;
5. Standards and policies regarding student preparation and success;
6. District and College governance structures as related to faculty roles;
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation process, including self-study and annual reports;
8. Policies for faculty professional development activities;
9. Processes for program review;
10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development, and
11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon between the Board of Trustees and the Academic Senate.

The Board of Trustees designates the Vice President-Academic Affairs as the liaison to the Academic Senate for the items listed above.

If the District Governing Board of Trustees disagrees with the recommendation of the Academic Senate, representatives of the two bodies shall have the

obligation to meet and reach mutual agreement by written resolution, regulation, or policy of the Governing Board.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to impinge upon the due process rights of faculty, nor to detract from any negotiated agreements between the Federation of Teachers and the District. Written notification shall be given to the El Camino College Federation of Teachers by the District at the beginning of discussions between the Academic Senate and the District on academic and professional matters.

**Staff** (Title 5, Section 51023.5)

Classified staff shall be provided with opportunities to participate in the formulation and development of District policies and procedures that have a significant effect on staff. The opinions and recommendations of the Police Officers Association (POA), El Camino Classified Employees (ECCE) and confidential groups will be given every reasonable consideration.

**Students** (Title 5, Section 51023.7)

The Associated Students shall be given an opportunity to participate effectively in the formulation and development of District policies and procedures that have a significant effect on students, as defined by law. The recommendations and positions of the Associated Students will be given every reasonable consideration. The selection of student representatives to serve on District committees or task forces shall be made after consultation with the Associated Students.

The Board of Trustees shall recognize the Associated Student Organization as provided by Education Code Section 76060, as the representative body of the students to offer opinions and to make recommendations to the administration of the College and to the Board of Trustees with regard to District policies and procedures that have or will have a significant effect on students. The District policies and procedures that have or will have a “significant effect on students” include the following:

1. Grading policies;
2. Codes of student conduct;
3. Academic disciplinary policies;
4. Curriculum development;
5. Courses or programs which should be initiated or discontinued;
6. Processes for institutional planning and budget development;

7. Standards and policies regarding student preparation and success;
8. Student services planning and development;
9. Student fees within the authority of the district to adopt; and
10. Any other District and College policy, procedure, or related matter that the Board of Trustees determines will have a significant effect on students.

The Board of Trustees shall give reasonable consideration to recommendations and positions developed by students regarding district and college policies and procedures pertaining to the hiring and evaluation of faculty, administration, and staff.

Except for unforeseeable emergency situations, the Board shall not take any action on matters subject to this policy until the appropriate constituent group or groups have been provided the opportunity to participate.

Nothing in this policy will be construed to interfere with the formation or administration of employee organizations or with the exercise of rights guaranteed under the Educational Employment Relations Act, Government Code Sections 3540, et seq.

Reference:

Education Code Section 70902(b)(7);

Title 5, Sections 53200 et seq., (Academic Senate), 51023.5 (staff), 51023.7 (students),

Accreditation Standard IV.A and IV.D.7

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El Camino College

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