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POLICY ON PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNANCE

Reference: California Education Code Section 70902 (b) (7)  
Title 5, 53200 et seq. (Academic Senate), 51023.5 (Staff), 51023.7 (Students)  
Accreditation Standard IV.A

Shared governance is a method of collegial interaction in which the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and students participate in the decision-reaching process and in which consensual agreement is a paramount goal.

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-reaching processes of the district:

The Board of Trustees recognizes the Academic Senate as the official body which represents the faculty in shared governance relating to academic and professional matters. The Board of Trustees, or the Superintendent-President as designee, shall consult collegially with representatives of the Academic Senate when adopting policies and procedures on academic and professional matters. Policies and procedures on academic and professional matters shall not be adopted until such consultation has occurred.

The Board of Trustees recognizes the Classified Union as an official body which represents classified staff in collegial shared governance, exclusive of collective bargaining issues. The recommendations and opinions of the Classified Union shall be given every reasonable consideration.

The Board of Trustees recognizes the Associated Student Body Cabinet as the official body which represents the students in shared governance relating to student matters. The Board of Trustees, through the Superintendent-President or designee, shall provide students the opportunity to participate effectively in the formulation and development of policies and procedures that have or will have a significant effect on students. This right shall include the opportunity to participate in processes for jointly developing



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recommendations regarding policies and procedures. The Board of Trustees shall ensure that recommendations and positions developed by the Associated Student Body Cabinet or its designee are given every reasonable consideration.

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