

2009. ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS ON THE ROLE OF
THE ACADEMIC SENATE IN SHARED GOVERNANCE

2009.1 The Superintendent-President shall administer these regulations.

2009.2 Academic and Professional Matters on Which the Board of Trustees Will
Rely Primarily Upon the Advice and Judgment of the Academic Senate

The Board of Trustees elects to rely primarily upon the advice and judgment of the Academic Senate on the following academic and professional matters:

- A. Curriculum, including prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines
- B. Degree and certificate requirements
- C. Grading policies
- D. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success
- E. Policies for faculty professional development activities

Recommendations shall be presented to the Board of Trustees using the established format and numbering system for policies. The Academic Senate President shall work with the Superintendent-President or the appropriate Vice President for placement of items on the Board of Trustees agenda. The Academic Senate President shall present these recommendations to the Board of Trustees for information and action.

The recommendations of the Senate will normally be accepted, and only in exceptional circumstances and for compelling reasons will the recommendations not be accepted.

If a Senate recommendation in these areas is not accepted by the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees or the Superintendent-President as the Board's designee shall promptly communicate the reasons in writing to the Academic Senate upon request.

2009.3 Academic and Professional Matters on Which the Board of Trustees Will
Reach Mutual Agreement With the Academic Senate

The Board of Trustees or its designee(s) and the representatives of the Academic Senate shall have the obligation to reach mutual agreement by written resolution, regulation or policy on the following academic and professional matters:

- A. Processes for program review
- B. Educational program development

- C. District and college governance structures and accreditation as related to faculty roles
- D. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports
- E. Processes for institutional planning and budget development

In instances where the Board of Trustees elects to provide for mutual agreement with the Academic Senate, and agreement has not been reached, existing policy shall remain in effect unless continuing with such policy exposes the district to legal liability or causes substantial fiscal hardship. In cases where there is no existing policy, or in cases where the exposure to legal liability or substantial fiscal hardship requires existing policy to be changed, the Board of Trustees may act, after a good faith effort to reach agreement, only for compelling legal, fiscal, or organizational reasons.

2009.4 Other Academic and Professional Matters as Mutually Agreed Upon Between the Governing Board and the Academic Senate as Specified in AB 1725

If an academic and professional matter arises which is not enumerated in 2009.2 and 2009.3, the Board of Trustees or designee and the Academic Senate shall mutually agree whether the Board shall rely primarily upon the advice and judgment of the Academic Senate or shall reach mutual agreement with the Academic Senate with regard to that matter.

If it is unclear as to whether or not an item is an academic and professional matter, the Superintendent-President or designee and the Academic Senate President shall mutually agree to identify the appropriate committee to which the matter should be referred or the establishment and constitution of an ad hoc committee to resolve the question.

2009.5 The Academic Senate's Right to Communicate with the Board of Trustees

In a case where the Board of Trustees and the Academic Senate are unable to reach mutual agreement or a substantial delay in the consultation process occurs, the Academic Senate reserves the right to submit written comments and to appear before the Board of Trustees to present the views and recommendations of the Academic Senate on academic and professional matters.

2009.6 Appointment of Faculty and Administrative Representatives to Committees

The appointment of faculty members to serve on college-wide committees, self-study committees, ad hoc committees, councils or task forces to deal with academic and professional matters, shall be made by the Academic Senate President after consultation with the Superintendent-President and be subject to ratification by the Academic Senate. Administrative representatives shall be appointed by the Superintendent-President after consultation with the Academic Senate President. Both parties agree to make timely appointments and communicate these appointments in writing.