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**Board Policy**  
Chapter 2 – Board of Trustees

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## **BP 2510 PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL DECISION-MAKING**

### **References:**

Education Code Section 70902 subdivision (b)(7);  
Title 5 Sections 53200 et seq. (Academic Senate), 51023.5 (Staff), and 51023.7 (Students);  
ACCJC Accreditation Standard IV.A

Participation in local decision-making 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 of Trustees 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:

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

The Board of Trustees recognizes the Academic Senate as the official body, which represents the faculty in participatory 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.

### **Classified Staff** (Title 5 Section 51023.5)

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

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

The Board of Trustees recognizes the Associated Student Body Cabinet as the official body which represents the students in participatory governance relating to student

matters. The Associated Student Body Cabinet shall be given an 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 recommendations regarding policies and procedures. The Board of Trustees shall ensure that recommendations and positions developed by the Associated Student Body Cabinet are given every reasonable consideration. The selection of student representatives to serve on District committees shall be made by the Associated Student Body Cabinet.

Except for unforeseeable emergency situations, the Board of Trustees 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.

Also see AP 2510 Participation in Local Decision-Making.

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