

BP 2510 Participation in Local Decision Making Issued: July 20, 2010

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

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 regulations for CEO action under which the District is governed and administered. 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.

Each of the following shall participate 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. "Consult collegially" means that the district governing board shall develop policies on academic and professional matters though either or both of the following methods, according to its own discretion:
 - o relying primarily upon the advice and judgment of the academic senate; or
 - o agreeing that the district governing board, or such representatives as it may designate, and the representatives of the academic senate shall have the obligation to reach mutual agreement by written resolution, regulation, or policy of the governing board effectuating such recommendations.
- *Staff* (Title 5, Section 51023.5). Staff shall be provided with opportunities to participate in the formulation and development of district policies and regulations that have a significant effect on staff. The opinions and recommendations of the CCCFE Faculty Unit, CCFE Classified Unit, and other employees will be given every reasonable consideration.
- Students (Title 5, Section 51023.7). The Associated Students shall be provided 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 the California Code of Regulations. 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.
- Consultative Council. In so far as the California Code of Regulations cited above require the
 participation of the academic senate, staff and students in decision making that affect them,
 the Compton Community College District recognizes the Consultative Council as the official

body for the joint involvement of the named groups. The structure of the involvement is detailed in Administrative Regulation AR 2511 Council and Committees Structure.

- The Consultative Council, representative body for campus constituencies, will assist the CEO
 in the formulation of policy, regulations, and other decisions affecting institutional
 effectiveness, equal employment opportunity, planning, and budget to be presented before
 the Board of Trustees.
- Notwithstanding the Consultative Council's role as the official body for the joint involvement of the academic senate, staff and students in decision making, the Academic Senate retains the right independently to consult collegially with the Board or its designees with respect to academic and professional matters and nothing in this policy shall be interpreted as diminishing or otherwise derogating that right. The Board or its designee, the CEO, will listen to the advice of the senate, and when there is disagreement, the Board or the CEO will explain in writing the reason for the disagreement.

Applicable Administrative Regulation:

Administrative Regulation AR 2511 Council and Committee Structure