BP 2520 Academic Senate

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References:

Education Code Section 70902(b)(7); Title 5, Sections 53200 et seq. Accreditation Standard IV.A Board Policy 2510 Participation in Local Decision Making

The Academic Senate organized under the provisions of the California Code of Regulations, Title 5, shall represent the faculty and make recommendations to the administration and to the Board of Trustees, with respect to academic and professional matters, so long as the exercise of such functions does not conflict with the lawful collective bargaining agreement.

The Board of Trustees, or its designee, will consult collegially with the Academic Senate when adopting policies and procedures. The Board of Trustees will rely primarily on the recommendations of the Academic Senate, as the representative of faculty expertise 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 Academic Senate's organization, membership functions, and committee structure shall be developed and maintained by the Academic Senate.

Additionally, Per Board Policy 2510 - Participation in Local 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 of Trustees or its designee, the President/Chief Executive Officer, will listen to the advice of the senate, and when there is disagreement, the Board of Trustees or the President/CEO will explain in writing the reason for the disagreement."