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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 the Chancellor's action under which the District is governed and administered.

Each of the following shall participate effectively as required by law (AB 1725) 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. The district and academic senates shall have the obligation to reach mutual agreement by written resolution, regulation, or Board Policy in academic and professional matters. The Governing Board may change policies regarding academic and professional matters in mutual agreement with the senate or after a good faith effort to reach agreement only for compelling legal, fiscal, or organizational reasons.

The board shall determine on an annual basis the amount of release time to be granted the senate presidents for the purpose of performing those participative functions as may be requested by the district and its colleges. Academic senate presidents or designees will receive remuneration for participating fully in governance during the summer months.

Procedures to implement this section are developed collegially with the Academic Senate.

Staff (Title 5, Section 51023.5.)

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 opinions and recommendations of the classified representatives and other recognized employee organizations will be given every reasonable consideration.

Students (Title 5, Section 51023.7.)

The Associated Students shall be given 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 law. 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.

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.

See [Administrative Procedure AP 2510](#).