



# SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## Board Policy

### Chapter 2 - Board of Trustees

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

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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, through the approved committee structure, participate in developing recommended policies for Board action and administrative procedures for the Chancellor's action, under which the District is governed and administered.

The Board of Trustees is committed to participatory governance and shall ensure that faculty, staff and students participate as required by law in the decision-making processes of the District as follows:

- **Academic Senates (Title 5 Sections 53200-53206):**

The Governing Board or its designees shall consult collegially with the Academic Senates of City, Mesa, and Miramar colleges, and Continuing Education through their respective designated representatives in the development of policies and procedures on academic or professional matters as defined by law. In instances where agreement is not reached, existing policy shall remain in effect unless continuing 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 exposure to legal liability or substantial fiscal hardship requires existing policy to be changed, the Governing Board may act, after a good faith effort to reach agreement, for compelling legal, fiscal, or organizational reasons.

- **Administrators and Staff (Title 5 Section 51023.5):**

Administrators and staff shall be provided with opportunities to participate in the formulation and development of District policies and procedures that have a significant effect on the District's mission and governance. In the development of policies or procedures, after consultation with the administration of the colleges/District, staff may present their views and recommendations to the Governing Board.

- **Students (Title 5 Section 51023.7):**

The Governing Board recognizes the United Student Council, as the official voices for students in the District. Students, through the Student Trustees, 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 Student Trustees 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 United Student

Council.

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.

**References:**

Education Code Sections 70901 - 70902(b)(7);  
Title 5, Sections 53200 et seq., (Academic Senate), 51023.5 (Staff), and 51023.7 (Students);  
WASC/ACCJC Accreditation Standards IV.A and IV.D.7

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