



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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ACADEMIC SENATE AND FACULTY COUNCIL

CONDITION

In order that the faculty may have meaningful participation in the formation of District policies on academic and professional matters, an academic senate or faculty council may be established.

POLICY

In accordance with adopted Educational Master Plan Goal IX: TO MAINTAIN A CLIMATE OF COOPERATION AND MUTUAL DEDICATION TO THE GOALS OF THE DISTRICT, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the formation of academic senates and faculty councils within the District, thereby ensuring opportunity for meaningful participation by faculty members in the District decision-making process.

"Faculty" means those certificated persons who teach full-time, or whose total assignment is teaching, or who do not perform any services for the District requiring an administrative or supervisory credential.

Academic Senates and Senate Councils: The faculty of each college is authorized to establish an Academic Senate, and the Academic Senates may join to establish a Senate Council for participation in the formation of District policy on academic and professional matters. The Academic Senates shall represent the college faculty to management at the respective colleges as an integral part of decision-making and the resolution of problems at each college. The Senate Council shall represent the college faculty on Districtwide matters.

Faculty Councils: The faculty of the Adult and Continuing Education and the faculty of the Educational Cultural Complex (ECC) are authorized to form faculty councils to represent the faculty to management, as an integral part of decision-making and resolution of problems. The faculty councils may join to establish a combined council for participation in the formation of District policy on academic and professional matters and to represent the faculty on Districtwide matters.

After consultation with management, an academic senate or faculty council may present its written views and recommendations to the governing board. The governing board shall consider and respond to such views and recommendations.

Upon the request of an academic senate, senate council, or faculty council and subject to Government Code Sections 54950 et. seq.(Brown Act), when applicable, the governing board, or such board members or managers as it may designate, shall meet and confer with respect to recommendations made or proposed to be made by the senate or council. The designation of board members or managers as provided herein shall not preclude the representatives of an academic senate or a faculty council from meeting with, or appearing before, the governing board at a regular or special meeting, with respect to the views, recommendations, or proposals of the senate or council.

The academic senates, senate council, or faculty councils may assume such responsibilities and perform such functions as may be requested of them.

Procedures, where required, shall be developed jointly by the faculty representative body and appropriate management representatives to implement the policies stated above, and such other policies or revisions which shall be adopted in the future.

The conduct of senate/council business is an integral part of District operations. To strengthen this role, the Board funds released time for the senate/council presidents, outside the full-time equivalent position funding formula. Additional faculty time, financial, and staff support assigned to facilitate senate/council business shall be determined by the faculty and management within established policies, budgets and staffing formulas.

These policies shall not be interpreted as abridging in any way the privileges of faculty or staff employee organizations.

SUPERSEDES:
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