



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Policy

Chapter 3 – General Institution

BP 0210 – ACADEMIC SENATE

The Board of Trustees is committed to participatory governance. To ensure faculty have the opportunity for meaningful participation in the formation of District policies on academic and professional matters, an academic senate shall be established at each college and Continuing Education.

The faculty of each college and Continuing Education is authorized to establish an Academic Senate to ensure participation in the formation of District policy and procedures on academic and professional matters in accordance with Title 5, Sections 53200-53206. The Academic Senates shall represent the faculty to management at the respective colleges and Continuing Education as an integral part of decision-making and the resolution of problems at each institution.

In accordance with state regulations, academic and professional matters consist of the following:

1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites, placing courses within disciplines and student outcomes assessment
2. Degree and certificate requirements
3. Grading policies
4. Educational program development
5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success
6. District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports
8. Policies for the faculty's professional development
9. Processes for program review
10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development
11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon between the Board of Trustees and the Academic Senate

An academic senate may present its oral or written views and recommendations to the governing board in accordance with District policies and procedures. The governing board shall consider and respond to such views and recommendations as specified in Board of Trustees and Administrative Procedure 2510, *Participation in Local Decision-Making*.

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 academic senate business is an integral part of College/Continuing Education and District operations. To strengthen this role, the Board funds released time for the senate, outside the full-time equivalent position funding formula. Additional faculty time, dedicated office space, as well as financial, and sufficient staff support assigned to academic senate business shall be determined by the faculty and management within established policies, budgets and staffing formulas.

Nothing in this policy shall 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.

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