



Board Policy
Chapter 2 – Board of Trustees

BP 2510 PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL DECISION-MAKING

The Board of Trustees is the ultimate decision-maker in those areas assigned to it by state and federal laws and regulations. In executing that responsibility, the Board of Trustees is committed to its obligation to ensure that appropriate members of the District participate in developing recommended policies for Board action and administrative regulations for Superintendent/President action under which the District is governed and administered.

Each of the following shall participate as required by law in the decision-making processes of the District:

Academic Senate (Title 5 Sections 53200-53206)

The Board of Trustees or its designees will consult collegially with the Academic Senate, as duly constituted with respect to academic and professional matters, as defined by law. Regulations to implement this section are developed collegially with the Academic Senate.

Classified Staff (Title 5 Section 51023.5)

Staff shall be provided with opportunities to participate in the formulation and development of policies and regulations that have a significant effect on staff. The opinions and recommendations of the classified staff 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 policies and regulations 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 of Trustees 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.

Participatory Governance at SMC

Santa Monica College is a community composed of students, faculty, staff, administration, and the Board of Trustees who are committed to the implementation of the Participatory Governance Policy (AB 1725). The Board of Trustees honors the concept of participatory governance in all areas defined by State laws and regulations as policy of the Santa Monica Community College District, while retaining its own rights and responsibilities as the ultimate authority.

The Board of Trustees has adopted the following participatory governance policies developed by the Academic Senate (See BP 2511 Participatory Governance: Academic Senate), Classified Staff (See BP 2512 Participatory Governance: Classified Staff), Associated Students (See BP 2513 Participatory Governance: Associated Students), and Management Association (See BP 2514 Participatory Governance: Management Association).

Also see BP/AR 2410 Board Policies and Administrative Regulations, BP/AR 2511 Participatory Governance: Academic Senate, BP/AR 2512 Participatory Governance: Classified Staff, BP/AR 2513 Participatory Governance: Associated Students, BP/AR 2514 Participatory Governance: Management Association, BP/AR 2610 Presentation of Initial Collective Bargaining Proposals, BP/AR 3250 Institutional Planning, BP/AR 5400 Associated Students, and BP 7140 Collective Bargaining.

References:

Education Code Section 70902(b)(7);
Title 5 Sections 53200 et seq. (Academic Senate), 51023.5 (Staff), and 51023.7 (Students);
ACCJC Accreditation Standard 4.2 and 4.3

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