

Resolution FA17_03: Collegial Consultation and Collegial Voice

Whereas, the San Bernardino Community College District Board Policy 2510 on Collegial Consultation, derived from California Education Code and Title 5, set forth the adoption of the “Concept of collegial consultation and to establish procedures to ensure faculty, management, classified, and students the right to participate effectively in collegial consultation” and further state “To rely primarily of the advice of the Academic Senate on academic and professional matters and its obligation to consult collegially with the Academic Senate”

Whereas, multiple Board training sessions on Collegial Consultation by noted experts in the California Community Colleges, most recently Collegiality in Action presented on May 11, 2017 and further training on collegial consultation at the May 30, 2017 at the Board Retreat, have failed to alter the Board’s attitude towards Collegial Consultation.

Whereas at the September 14, 2017 SBCCD Board meeting the Board President directed representatives of the Academic Senates, Classified Senates, Associated Students, CSEA, and CTA to confine their Board reports comments only to events and activities and that comments related to Board Agenda items would need to be brought forward through the submission of a public comment slip for each agenda item the representative would like to address.

Whereas representatives of the Academic Senates, Classified Senates, Associated Students, CSEA, and CTA are not members of the general public but rather are employees of the district who have been elected to represent their constituencies, and who should be consulted as per the agreed upon collegial consultation processes.

Whereas BP2200 Board Duties and Responsibilities delineates “Create a Positive Climate” as a primary Board Responsibility, and

Whereas the Board President’s actions creates a negative climate that impedes District business, and

Whereas in 2015 the one of the deficiencies set forth by the ACCJC that resulted in the campuses being placed on “Warning” was District Recommendation 1 which stated that the Board “ensure it acts within a manner consistent with its approved policies and bylaws”

Resolved, the Academic Senate remind the elected members of the Board that limiting the diversity and scope of the collegial consultation voice may endanger the Colleges future accreditation status, and

Further Resolved, the Academic Senate recommends the Board follow their adopted policies and past practice with regard to collegial consultation and openly support and welcome any and all comments from the duly elected representative of the District collegial bodies.