## **COLLEGIAL CONSULTATION**

It shall be the policy of this Board to embrace the concept of collegial consultation and to establish procedures to ensure faculty, management, classified staff, and students the right to participate effectively in collegial consultation in particular areas where they have their responsibility and expertise as specified in Title 5 regulations, while retaining its own right and responsibilities in all areas defined by state laws and regulations.

The Board of Trustees of the San Bernardino Community College District recognizes the definition of "academic and professional matters" as stated in the Title 5 regulations: i.e.,

- Curriculum including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines;
- degree and certificate requirements;
  - grading policies;
  - 4. education program development:
- 5. standards or policies regarding student preparation and success;
- 6. district and college consultation structures, as related to faculty roles;
- 7. faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports;
- 8. policies for faculty professional development activities:
- 9. processes for program review;
- 10. process for institutional planning and budget development; and
- 11. other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon between the Governing Board and the Academic Senate.

The Board also recognizes its obligation, under Title 5 Regulations, to "consult collegially" with the Faculty Senate on these "academic and professional matters." Additional academic and professional matters may be added as specified in #11 only through formal resolution of the Board.

The Board further recognizes that, under Title 5, it may choose to "consult collegially" through the option of "mutual agreement" on policy issues, or the option of "relying primarily on the advice and judgment of the senate" when adopting policies and procedures on "academic and professional matters."

The Board of Trustees shall have the final responsibility for developing all policies governing the community college district, including academic and professional matters. For purposes of academic and professional matters, the Board shall rely primarily on the <u>advice</u> of the Academic Senate. If the Board has a compelling reason for not accepting the advice of the Academic Senate, it shall provide that reason in writing upon request of the Academic Senate. The decision of the Board on all policy shall be final.

References:

Education Code §§ 70901 - 70902

California Code of Regulation Title 5 §§ 53200 - 53204

California Code of Regulation Title 5 §§ 51023.5 and 51023.7

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