

# SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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### **POLICY:**

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

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

#### Academic Senate(s) (Title 5, Sections 53200-53206.)

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

#### Staff (Title 5, Section 51023.5.)

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

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Except for unforeseeable emergency situations, the Board 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 within the following timeframe:

- (1) The applicable campus group or groups shall have no more than two months (three months if over summer or semester break) from the Board's first reading of a policy to propose addition(s)/deletion(s) to a policy or agree to a policy as submitted to the Board for first reading.
- (2) After a policy has been perused by all applicable campus groups for their input, the Secretary of the Board shall submit the proposed policy to the Board Ad Hoc Policy Committee within two weeks following the meeting date at which the policy was reviewed by the last campus group submitting their input on the policy that was submitted to the Board for first reading.
- (3) The Board Ad Hoc Policy Committee will recommend the policy to the Board for approval by the second Governing Board meeting following receipt of the policy from the Secretary of the Board.

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.

### **REFERENCES/ AUTHORITY:**

Education Code Section 70902(b)(7); Title 5 Sections 53200 et seq., (Academic Senate), 51023.5 (Staff), 51023.7 (Students)

Accreditation Standard IV.A

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