

Collegial Consultation Rules and Procedures - 2015

1. **Rely Primarily**

The Board of Trustees shall "rely primarily" upon the advice and judgment of each Academic Senate independently on selected college matters and the two senates jointly on selected District matters. College and District matters will be distinguished as described in the section below on the Chancellor's Council.

"Rely primarily" means that all recommendations in the areas specified below will be forwarded to the Board through the Chancellor by the Academic Senate(s) and will be accepted by the Board in most cases. In instances where a recommendation is not accepted, the Board's decision must be based on a clear and substantive

rationale, which puts the explanation for the decision in an accurate, appropriate, and relevant context. If a recommendation is not approved, the Board or its designee shall promptly communicate its reason in writing to the respective senate(s). If such recommendations are not accepted, existing policies and procedures will remain in force.

The Board will "rely primarily" on the Academic Senates in these "academic and professional" matters:

- a. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites and placing courses in disciplines;
- b. Degree and certificate requirements;
- c. Grading policies;
- d. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes including self-study and annual reports.

2. **Mutual Agreement**

"Mutual agreement" shall be reached between the Board of Trustees or its designee and the Academic Senates on items specified below. On college matters, mutual agreement will be reached by a process agreed to by the college president and senate as defined in separate Board policies for each college.

On District matters, mutual agreement will be reached between the Chancellor and the senates as defined in the section on the Chancellor's Council. "Mutual agreement" means that the Board of Trustees and the Academic Senate(s) shall each ratify such policies or procedures before they are put into effect. If such agreements are not ratified by parties, existing policies and procedures will remain in force.

The Board will reach "mutual agreement" with the Academic Senates in these "academic and professional" matters:

- a. Educational program development
- b. Standards and policies regarding student success
- c. District and college governance structures as related to faculty roles
- d. Policies for faculty professional development activities
- e. Process for program review
- f. Process for institutional planning and budget development