

PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL DECISION MAKING

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- I. The 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's action under which the District is governed and administered.

The Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees believes that shared governance furthers the mission, goals, and purposes of the District. In keeping with the spirit and intent of AB 1725, the Board recognizes the unique role of the faculty, acting through the Academic Senate, in shared governance at Rio Hondo College. The Board affirms the District's commitment to maintaining and following the agreements developed with the Academic Senate to achieve the implementation of Title V, Section 53200. In addition, the Board encourages and recognizes the active participation of other District constituencies in those shared governance activities most appropriate to their interests and expertise.

- II. Each of the following shall participate as required by law in the decision-making processes of the District:
 - A. Academic Senate (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.
 - B. Staff (Title 5, Section 51023.5)
 - 1. Classified staff shall be provided with the opportunity to participate effectively in the formulation and development of district policies and procedures that have a significant effect on staff. The opinions and recommendations of the Classified School Employees Association will be given every reasonable consideration.
 - 2. Management/Confidential staff shall be provided with the opportunity to participate effectively in the formulation and development of district policies and procedures that have a significant effect on staff. The opinions and recommendations of the Management/Confidential group will be given every reasonable consideration.
 - C. Students (Title 5, Section 51023.7)

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1. 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 Student Body 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.

- III. 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.

- IV. 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.