It is the belief of the Butte-Glenn Community College Board of Trustees that shared Governance is both a philosophy and a process, which assures the mutual respect of all campus constituencies by providing them the right to participate effectively in college governance. The Butte-Glenn Community College Board of Trustees further recognizes that the best decisions for the District can be made by relying upon the collective knowledge and expertise of the College community and by ensuring that each constituency is given every reasonable consideration to express its opinions and provide advice and counsel.

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 the Superintendent/President’s action under which the District is governed and administered.

Each of the following 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 (see Board Policy # 2515).

- **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 Butte College Classified Senate and Management/Supervisory/Confidential group, 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.

All key parties of interest — faculty, classified staff, students, and administrators — should participate in developing recommendations for Board policy action.

The publication “Participating in Decision-Making at Butte College” provides the procedures for this policy.

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