



BP 2510 Participation in Local Decision Making

References: Education Code Section 70902 subdivision (b)(7);
Title 5, Sections 53200 et seq. (Academic Senate), 51023.5 (Staff), and 51023.7
(Students)
ACCJC Accreditation Standards 4.2 and 4.3

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It is the belief of the Butte-Glenn Community College Board of Trustees that participatory 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 will participate as required by law in the decision-making processes of the district:

Academic Senate(s) (Title 5, §§ 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 Relationship with Academic Senate). Procedures to implement this section are developed collegially with the Academic Senate.

Staff (Title 5, §51023.5.)

Staff will 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 Association will be given every reasonable consideration.

Students (Title 5, §51023.7.)

The Student Senate will 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 Student Senate 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. Except for unforeseeable emergency situations, the Board will not take any action on matters subject to this policy until the appropriate constituent group or groups have been provided the opportunity to participate.

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 §§ 3540 et seq.

The *Butte College Institutional Effectiveness Manual* provides the procedures for this policy.