

San Diego Community College District

MIRAMAR COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE



The Board of Trustees shall “rely primarily” upon the advice and judgment of the *Academic Senates* in selected areas. “Rely Primarily” means that recommendations will be accepted in most cases. If a recommendation is not accepted, the Board or its designee shall communicate the reason in writing to the President of the Senates within 30 days of the decision.

These areas are:

- A. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines
- B. Degree and certificate requirements
- C. Grading policies
- D. Educational program development
- E. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success
- F. District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles (refers to number, composition and make-up of committees in governance structure and the role of faculty)
- G. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports
- H. Processes for institutional planning and budget development

The *Board of Trustees* shall reach mutual agreement between the Academic Senate and the Board on selected areas. “Mutual Agreement” means that recommendations shall be prepared by either the *Academic Senates* or the Board’s designee, and subsequently ratified by both. If “mutual agreement” cannot be reached, existing policy shall remain in effect unless continuing with such policy exposes the District to legal liability or causes substantial fiscal or managerial hardships. In such instances, in the spirit of collegiality, all parties shall continue to participate in the resolution process. In the event mutual agreement cannot be reached, the Board shall communicate the reasons in writing to the President of each Academic Senate within 30 days of the decision.

These areas are:

- A. Policies for faculty professional development activities
- B. Processes for program review
- C. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon between the Governing Board and the Academic Senates