

I. Purpose

The College Consultation Procedure functions within the mandates of AB 1725, the Education Code and Title 5 regulations; collective bargaining agreements, and policies of the El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees. The process allows for recommendations to the Superintendent/President through a defined structure.

II. Statement

Consultation at El Camino College involves a collaborative process in which members of major campus constituencies play an appropriate part by making recommendations to the Superintendent/President in accordance with the Education Code, Assembly Bill 1725, Title 5 and policies adopted by the El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees. It also provides an opportunity to resolve issues having campus-wide impact.

- A. Faculty. In accordance with Title 5 and approved Board of Trustees policy, the process assigns primary recommendation responsibility for academic and professional matters to the Academic Senate. The process welcomes ideas and suggestions from all faculty members. Recommendations from the Academic Senate are shared with the College Council.
- B. Classified, Confidential, Administrative. The consultation process involves forwarding ideas and recommendations having campus-wide impact from consultation and advisory committees, councils and task forces to College Council for review and/or information through the appropriate Vice President. This provides effective participation in the development of recommendations that ultimately may result in policy.
- C. Students. The consultation process promotes ways through which students may have a significant impact on the way El Camino College functions. Students are encouraged to participate in campus-wide activities and organizations. Students select their representative to all consultation committees. That representative has an equal standing with the representatives from other campus-wide constituencies.

D. Background.

1. Education Code Section 70902(b) (7) authorizes the Board of Governors to:
 - a. Ensure faculty, staff and students the right to participate effectively in district and college governance;
 - b. Ensure the right of academic senates to assume primary responsibility for making recommendations in the areas of curriculum and academic standards.
2. Assembly Bill 1725 authorizes:
 - a. Responsibility for faculty members in duties that are incidental to their primary professional duties;
 - b. Faculty involvement in institutional governance and decision making;
 - c. Staff development among college groups to facilitate collegial consultation awareness, roles and responsibilities.
3. Title 5 states the requirements for governing boards to:
 - a. Require effective participation of students and staff in development of recommendations to the governing board;
 - b. Consult collegially with the Academic Senate on academic and professional matters.

III. **Role and Functions of the College Council**

The role of the College Council is to bring together all constituent groups to facilitate development and understanding of college-wide recommendations.

Through representatives from campus constituencies, the College Council:

1. Reviews recommendations from collegial consultation, and other standing and ad-hoc committees;
2. Serves as the primary, non-bargaining source for discussion and communications regarding campus-wide issues and policies;

3. Provides feedback to the Superintendent/President regarding such issues as planning, policy development and coordination, campus and council priorities;
4. Focuses on broad issues, not day-to-day administration of the College;
5. Operates on a consensus-building basis or a majority vote in an advisory capacity;
6. Supports and abides by areas governed by collective bargaining agreements;
7. Supports and abides by areas involving professional activities legally delegated to the Academic Senate;
8. Ensures that major recommendations of the College are consistent with the educational mission of the College;
9. At all times focuses on students.

IV. Membership and Process of College Council

College Council membership consists of the one representative each from the Associated Student Body, Academic Senate, El Camino College Federation of Teachers, El Camino Classified Employees, Police Officers Association, Confidential employees and Management. Each member has one vote should voting become necessary. The four vice presidents complete the College Council and have one vote among them.

The Superintendent/President of El Camino College serves as Chair of the College Council, facilitates the meetings, determines whether consensus exists, and receives recommendations of the council. The agenda is published before each meeting. All actions and recommendations are communicated to the Area and Division Councils, committees, and constituencies through the representational membership.

*In addition, there will be one faculty representative from the El Camino College Compton Education Center during the partnership.

V. Collegial Consultation Groups

Collegial consultation groups shall include the College Council, Academic Senate, Planning and Budgeting Committee, Calendar Committee, El Camino College Technology Committee, and Facilities Steering Committee.

Collegial consultation groups are created to make recommendations to the Superintendent/President or to decide issues within their purview.

The Academic Senate makes recommendations regarding academic and professional matters as specified in AB 1725 and El Camino Community College District board policy, and shares those recommendations with the College Council.

The Planning and Budgeting Committee makes recommendations on all planning and budgeting issues. The Calendar Committee recommends the El Camino Community College District School Year Calendar. The El Camino College Technology Committee coordinates all aspects of information technology through the campus. The Facilities Steering Committee reviews and makes recommendations for the facilities plans.

The College Council is supported by four Area Councils – Academic Affairs, Student and Community Advancement, Human Resources, and Administrative Services. These are in turn supported by their respective Division Councils, departments and committees.

From time-to-time other committees or task forces may be created by the President and designated as collegial consultation or advisory groups.

VI. Committee Appointments

The Academic Senate, after consulting with the Superintendent/President or designee, shall appoint faculty members to serve on committees, task forces or other groups dealing with academic and professional matters as specified in AB 1725 and El Camino Community College District board policy. Unless specified in a contractual agreement, other committee appointments are made by the Superintendent/President or designee in consultation with constituent organizations.

VII. Communication

The College Council, the Academic Senate and all other designated collegial consultation committees, councils, advisory committees and task forces will communicate with College constituents through the promulgation of widely distributed minutes.

A link to all consultation committees with current minutes and membership is available on the El Camino College Administration webpage at: http://www.elcamino.edu/cmte_minutes/display.asp. All collegial consultation committees will review and evaluate its operations annually.

Reference:

Education Code Section 70902(b)(7);
Title 5, Sections 53200 et seq., (Academic Senate), 51023.5 (staff), 51023.7 (students);
Accreditation Standard IV.A.2, IV.A.5

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