

SAC Faculty are concerned about proposed reorganization? What can SAC faculty do about it?

Title 5 § 53200 (b): Academic Senate...primary function, as representatives of the faculty, is to make recommendations to the administration of a college and to governing board of a district with respect to academic and professional matters.

Title 5 § 53200 (c): Academic and Professional matters (The 10+1) means following policy development and implementation matters:
4. Education and program development
6. District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles

Title 5 § 53200 (d): Consult Collegially means that the district governing board shall develop policies on academic and professional matters through either or both of the following:
(1) **Rely primarily** upon the advice and judgment of the academic senate, OR
(2) The governing board, or its designees, and the academic senate shall reach **mutual agreement by written resolution, regulation, or policy of the governing board effectuating such recommendations.**

Board Policy 2410:

For the following items, the Board of Trustees will come to **mutual agreement** with the Academic Senate:

4) Educational program development; 6) District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles;
....the Board will consult with the faculty **through the mutual agreement process previously agreed upon. At RSCCD, the mutual agreement process is the use of the shared governance structure consisting of councils, committees, and the District Council.**

Title 5 § 53203 When the board elects to provide for mutual agreement with the academic senate, and an agreement has not been reached, existing policy shall remain in effect unless such policy exposes the district to legal liability or fiscal hardship.

Title 5, and Board Policy inform faculty of what should take place with an academic matter such as a proposed reorganization of departments.

Resolutions of ASCCC provide direction to faculty on how to respond.

Academic Senate for CA Community College's Resolution 01.06: Department Organization

Resolved that the Academic Senate support the concept of collegial decision-making in the review and evaluation of proposals which would change the organization or functions of specific departments within a college and/or district, and

Resolved that such proposals should be reviewed and approved by the appropriate faculty bodies, e.g. the department, the curriculum committee, and the academic senate.

SAC Faculty, do you support Resolution 01.06?

If yes, a recommendation would be to affirm/adopt Resolution 01.06 as a first step. If no, the current process led by AA office could continue.