Education Code Section 70902(b)(7); Title 5 Sections 53200 et seq. (Academic Senate), 51023.5 (Staff), and 51023.7 (Students); ACCJC Accreditation Standards IV.A and IV.D.7

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 superintendent/president action under which the District is governed and administered.

Per the Education Employment Relations Act (EERA), matters related to the terms and conditions of employment are within the scope of collective bargaining and are not matters for governance and local decision-making.

Each of the following shall participate as required by law in the decision-making processes of the District:

(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. Procedures to implement this section are developed collegially with the Academic Senate.

(Title 5 Section 51023.5)

Staff (includes classified employees, confidential employees, and administrators) 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 staff will be given every reasonable consideration. Staff will have an opportunity to provide input into all board policies and administrative procedures that are reviewed through the District's process for review of board policies and administrative procedures.

(Title 5 Section 51023.7)

The Associated Students Hartnell College 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. The selection of student representatives to serve on District committees or task forces shall be made after consultation with the Associated Students.