

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ACADEMIC SENATES WITHIN A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTEXT

Academic Senate Participation in Governance

The Academic Senate of the California State University shall have no authority over those matters delegated to California State University, Fresno, by the Chancellor or by the Board of Trustees of the California State University. Furthermore, nothing in this document shall be construed to impair the right of the California State University, Fresno Academic Senate to communicate through appropriate channels with the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees, nor to diminish the authority of the California State University, Fresno Academic Senate in campus matters of academic/professional criteria and standards.

Because joint decision-making and consultation between administrators and faculty are essential to the performance of the educational missions of the California State University, the California State University, Fresno Academic Senate shall be the primary consultative body regarding educational and professional matters delegated to California State University, Fresno by the Chancellor or by the Board of Trustees of the California State University and shall be consulted on fiscal matters which affect the instructional program.

In respect to campus governance, the California State University, Fresno Academic Senate endorses the following principles:

- A. Responsibility shall be vested in the faculty or its elected Senate representative for:
 - 1. approval of degree candidates; and
 - 2. development of policies governing the award of grades
- B. Through the California State University Fresno Academic Senate responsibility shall be vested in the Academic Assembly through its elected Academic Senate representatives for developing policies and making recommendations to the President on the following matters:
 - 1. criteria and standards for appointment, retention, awarding of tenure, promotion and evaluation of academic employees including preservation of the principle of peer evaluation and provision for the direct involvement of appropriate faculty in these decisions;
 - 2. determination of membership in the Academic Assembly;
 - 3. curricular policies, such as admission and degree requirements, approval of new courses and programs, discontinuance of academic programs, and academic standards;
 - 4. faculty appointments to institutional task forces; advisory committees, and auxiliary organizations; and

5. academic standards and academic policies governing athletics.
- C. The California State University Fresno Academic Senate shall be the primary source of policy recommendations to the President on decisions related to the following matters:
1. establishment of campus-wide committees on academic or professional matters;
 2. the academic role of the library;
 3. academic awards, prizes, and scholarships
 4. the academic conduct of students and means for handling infractions; and
 5. development of institutional missions and goals.
- D. The California State University, Fresno Academic Senate shall be consulted by the President concerning:
1. the academic calendar and policies governing the scheduling of classes; and
 2. policies governing the appointment and review of academic administrators.
- E. This outline of functions and responsibilities is intended to provide the essentials for a satisfactory system of shared governance but should not necessarily be viewed as a comprehensive enumeration of such functions and responsibilities.

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