Senate Retreat 2014
Overview of Topics We Will Cover

1) What is the Academic Senate?
2) The basis in law
3) Senators’ roles & responsibilities
4) Local policies pertinent to the Academic Senate
5) Participating in meetings
6) Resources for Senators
1) What is the Academic Senate?

“... an organization whose primary function is to make recommendations to the administration of a college and to the governing board of a district with respect to academic & professional matters.”

§ 53200 of CCR Title 5
2) The Basis for Senate Authority?
It’s the law!

1. **Education Code**: These laws are a result of state legislation – and can be modified only by subsequent legislative action (www.LegInfo.ca.gov)

2. **Title 5**: The policies and regulations of the Board of Governors, and their interpretations and strategies for implementation of Education Code (http://cer.oal.ca.gov/)
Faculty Domains – “Academic & Professional Matters”
An Overview of the “10+1”
(defined in Cal. Admin. Code Title 5, § 53200)

1. Curriculum, pre-reqs, and placing courses within disciplines
2. Degree and certificate requirements
3. Grading policies
4. Educational program development
5. Standards/policies re: student prep & success
6. Governance structures as related to faculty roles
7. Faculty roles/involvements in accreditation
8. Policies for faculty professional development
9. Processes for Program Review
10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development

and “+1”…

11. “Other academic and professional matters as are mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the academic senate.”

Source: Cal. Admin. Code Title 5, § 53200
Title 5, § 53200 also defines “collegial consultation”:

(d) “Consult collegially” means that the district governing board shall develop policies on academic and professional matters through either or both of the following methods, according to its own discretion:
   (1) relying primarily upon the advice and judgment of the academic senate; or
   (2) agreeing that the district governing board, or such representatives as it may designate, and the representatives of the academic senate shall have the obligation to reach mutual agreement by written resolution, regulation, or policy of the governing board effectuating such recommendations.

CR’s BP 2520 (“Responsibilities of the Academic Senate”) states, in part:

“The Board delegates to the President/Superintendent the authority to consult collegially with the Academic Senate on these matters prior to making a recommendation to the Board. The President/Superintendent will rely primarily upon the advice and judgment of the Academic Senate and/or reach mutual agreement with the Academic Senate for the designated academic and professional matters.” The BP then clarifies the 10+1 roles explicitly.

(http://redwoods.edu/District/Board/New/Chapter2/BP%202520%20Senate%20Responsibilities%20.pdf)
3) Senators’ Roles & Responsibilities

- Communicating with your constituents
- Preparing for Senate meetings
- Being involved in issues
- Serving on committees

- What else? _______
4) Our Local Policies

- Board Policies ("BP’s") and Administrative Procedures ("AP’s"): [http://www.redwoods.edu/district/board/new/](http://www.redwoods.edu/district/board/new/)
- Local Senate Constitution, Bylaws, etc.: [http://inside.redwoods.edu/senate/](http://inside.redwoods.edu/senate/)
- College Committees – the Senate’s role
- Other
5) Participating in meetings

Are you lonely?
Tired of working on your own?
Do you hate making decisions?

HOLD A MEETING!

You can –
• See people
• Show charts
• Feel important
• Point with a stick
• Eat donuts
• Impress your colleagues

All on company time!

MEETINGS
THE PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO WORK

Academic Senate; College of the Redwoods
5) Participating in meetings

- Robert’s Rules of Order
- Brown Act regulations
- Senate bylaws/constitution
- Senate meetings & agendas – your role
- Discussion: What are our expectations for senators’ participation?
6) Resources from ASCCC

- ASCCC home page: [www.asccc.org](http://www.asccc.org)
- From this site you can get links to Ed Code & Title 5, and *much more*
- Academic Senate publications; e.g.: “Program Discontinuance: A Faculty Perspective Revisited” ([http://www.asccc.org/papers/program-discontinuance-faculty-perspective-revisited](http://www.asccc.org/papers/program-discontinuance-faculty-perspective-revisited))
- Local Senate files & archives…
7) Other Important Links

- Community College League of California:  www.ccleague.org
- Chancellor’s Office:  www.cccco.edu
- CA Legislative Info (covering Ed Code):  www.LegInfo.ca.gov
- Office of Administrative Law (covering Title V):  www.oal.ca.gov
Thank you for participating in the Academic Senate! Best wishes as we enter the 2014-2015 academic year!