STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNANCE

The Associated Students of the colleges of the South Orange County Community College District (SOCCCD) shall be given an opportunity to participate in the formulation and development of district policies and regulations that have a significant effect on students. The selection of student representatives to serve on SOCCCD committees or task forces shall be made after consultation with the Associated Student Governments of the respective colleges. The opinions and recommendations of the students will be given every reasonable consideration.

Except for emergency situations, the Board of Trustees shall not take any action on matters subject to this policy until the designated student groups have been provided the opportunity to participate. District and college policies and regulations that have or will have a “significant effect on students” include the following:

A. grading policies;
B. codes of student conduct;
C. academic disciplinary policies;
D. curriculum development;
E. courses or programs which should be initiated or discontinued;
F. formulation of policies and regulations concerning graduation requirements;
G. processes for institutional planning and budget development;
H. standards and policies regarding student preparation and success;
I. student services planning and development;
J. student fees within the authority of the District to adopt; and
K. any other District and college policy, regulation, or related matter that the District governing board determines will have a significant effect on students.

Student representatives will be treated with equal inclusion, opportunity and consideration in respect to all participatory governance and will have access to necessary and relevant information, documents and resources necessary for meaningful participation in governance processes.

As there are times during the academic year in which students are generally less available, such as summer, every reasonable effort shall be made to schedule meetings so that student participation is possible.

Reference:
Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 51023.7
California Education Code Section 70902(b)(7)

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