

The Purpose and Powers of the Napa Valley College Academic Senate

Whereas, the California Education Code, Section 70902 (b)(7) “ensure[s] the right of academic senates to assume primary responsibility for making recommendations in the area of curriculum and academic standards;”

Whereas, Title 5 Section 53203 ensures the governing board shall adopt policies delegating authority and responsibility to its Academic Senate and adopt policies and procedures on academic and professional matters through collegial consultation with the Academic Senate; guarantees the Academic Senate the right to meet with or appear before the Board of Trustees; and ensures the Academic Senate may assume such responsibilities and perform such functions as may be delegated to it by the governing board;

Whereas, Title 5 Section 53200 defines the Academic Senate as an organization whose primary function is to make recommendations to the administration of the college and to the governing board with respect to academic and professional matters, defined as the 10+1;

Whereas, Title 5 Section 53203 designates the Academic Senate authority to appoint faculty to college committees or other groups dealing with academic and professional matters, after consultation with the CEO or designee;

Resolved, that the Napa Valley College Academic Senate affirms its legal place in the governance structure of Napa Valley College with respect to all academic and professional matters, and that these legal mandates differentiate it from all other senates at Napa Valley College;

Resolved, that the Napa Valley College Academic Senate affirms its primacy in the development and implementation of all academic and professional matters as defined in the California Education Code and Title 5.