PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL DECISION-MAKING

The Board of Trustees is the ultimate decision-maker of the Mendocino-Lake Community College District. In executing that responsibility, the Board is committed to ensure that members of the District’s constituent groups participate in developing recommended policies for Board action, and administrative procedures for action by the Superintendent/President.

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

- **Academic Senate:** (Title 5, Sections 53200-53206)
  
  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.

- **Staff:** (Title 5, Section 51023.5)
  
  Staff shall be provided with the opportunities to participate in the formulation and development of district policies and procedures that have significant effect on staff.

- **Students:** (Title 5, Sections 51023.7)
  
  The Associated Students 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.

Except for unforeseeable emergency situations, the Board shall not take any action on matters subject to this policy until the appropriate constituent group or groups have been provided the opportunity to participate.

Nothing in this policy will be construed to interfere with the formation or administration of employee organizations or with the exercise of rights guaranteed under the Education Employment Relations Act, Government Code Sections 3540, et seq.

Reference:
Education Code Section 70901 (b)(1)(E), 70902 (b)(7), Title 5, Sections 53200 et seq., 51023.5, 51023.7, Government Code Sections 3540, et seq., Accreditation Standard IV.A