
BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTION

Re: "First Reading: Presentation of proposed revision to the Kern Community College District Board Policy Manual, as recommended by the Chancellor" (THE PROPOSED REVISION) on the November 9, 2017 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting agenda

Whereas: The Kern Community College District Board Policy Manual governs operations, instruction, business services, employment and administrative matters throughout our district including the activities of Bakersfield College;

Whereas: Title 5 of the California Administrative Code recognizes the establishment of an Academic Senate and the Board of Trustees or its designee(s) to consult collegially with the Academic Senate as duly constituted with respect to academic and professional matters defined by law;

Whereas: "Consult collegially" means that the Board of Trustees shall develop policies on academic and professional matters through either or both of the following methods:

- rely primarily upon the advice and judgment of the Academic Senate; or
- the Board of Trustees, 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 Board of Trustees effectuating such recommendations;

Whereas: The current Kern Community College District Board Policy Manual identifies two hundred fourteen policies of collegial consultation, one hundred ninety-seven (197) policies requiring "Rely Primarily Upon" and seventeen (17) policies requiring "To Reach Mutual Agreement";

Whereas: THE PROPOSED REVISION has removed policies from the current Board Policy Manual requiring consulting collegially with the Academic Senate; has negated corrections, some with Title 5 implications, agreed upon by the participatory governance District Consultation Council; and has included additional proposed policies not vetted in District Consultation Council;

Be It Resolved: The Academic Senate of Bakersfield College opposed the agendizing of THE PROPOSED REVISION presented on the November 9, 2017, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting agenda;

Further Be It Resolved: The Academic Senate of Bakersfield College recommends THE PROPOSED REVISION be tabled until ALL current Board policies requiring collegial consultation with the Academic Senate be included into the proposed revision and that the proposed revision accurately represents the vetting of all proposals and the byproducts of that vetting process.

*Approved by the Academic Senate, November 15, 2017
Presented to College Council, November 17, 2017*