CALIFORNIA CODES
EDUCATION CODE
SECTION 70902

70902. (a) (1) Every community college district shall be under the
control of a board of trustees, which is referred to herein as the
"governing board." The governing board of each community college
district shall establish, maintain, operate, and govern one or more
community colleges in accordance with law. In so doing, the governing
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otherwise act, in any manner that is not in conflict with,
inconsistent with, or preempted by, any law, and that is not in
conflict with the purposes for which community college districts are
established.

(2) The governing board of each community college district shall
establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with the regulations
of the board of governors and the laws of this state for the
government and operation of one or more community colleges in the
district.

(b) In furtherance of subdivision (a), the governing board of each
community college district shall do all of the following:

(1) Establish policies for, and approve, current and long-range
academic and facilities plans and programs, and promote orderly
growth and development of the community colleges within the district.
In so doing, the governing board shall, as required by law,
establish policies for, develop, and approve, comprehensive plans.
The governing board shall submit the comprehensive plans to the board
of governors for review and approval.

(2) (A) Establish policies for and approve credit courses of
instruction and educational programs. The educational programs shall
be submitted to the board of governors for approval. A credit course
of instruction that is not offered in an approved educational program
may be offered without the approval of the board of governors only
under conditions authorized by regulations adopted by the board of
governors.

(B) The governing board shall establish policies for, and approve,
individual courses that are offered in approved educational
programs, without referral to the board of governors.

(3) Establish academic standards, probation, dismissal, and
rehabilitation policies, and graduation requirements not inconsistent
with the minimum standards adopted by the board of governors.

(4) Employ and assign all personnel not inconsistent with the
minimum standards adopted by the board of governors, and establish
employment practices, salaries, and benefits for all employees not
inconsistent with the laws of this state.

(5) To the extent authorized by law, determine and control the
district's operational and capital outlay budgets. The district
governing board shall determine the need for elections for override
tax levies and bond measures, and request that those elections be
called.

(6) Manage and control district property. The governing board may
contract for the procurement of goods and services as authorized by
law.

(7) Establish procedures not inconsistent with minimum standards
established by the board of governors to ensure faculty, staff, and
students the opportunity to express their opinions at the campus
level, to ensure that these opinions are given every reasonable
consideration, to ensure the right to participate effectively in
district and college governance, and to ensure the right of academic
senates to assume primary responsibility for making recommendations
in the areas of curriculum and academic standards.
(8) Establish rules and regulations governing student conduct.
(9) Establish student fees as it is required to establish by law,
and, in its discretion, fees as it is authorized to establish by law.
(10) In its discretion, receive and administer gifts, grants, and
scholarships.
(11) Provide auxiliary services as deemed necessary to achieve the
purposes of the community college.
(12) Within the framework provided by law, determine the district's
academic calendar, including the holidays it will observe.
(13) Hold and convey property for the use and benefit of the
district. The governing board may acquire, by eminent domain, any
property necessary to carry out the powers or functions of the
district.
(14) Participate in the consultation process established by the
board of governors for the development and review of policy
proposals.
(c) In carrying out the powers and duties specified in subdivision
(b) or other provisions of statute, the governing board of each
community college district shall have full authority to adopt rules
and regulations, not inconsistent with the regulations of the board
of governors and the laws of this state, that are necessary and
proper to executing these prescribed functions.
(d) Wherever in this section or any other statute a power is
vested in the governing board, the governing board of a community
college district, by majority vote, may adopt a rule delegating the
power to the district's chief executive officer or any other employee
or committee as the governing board may designate. However, the
governing board shall not delegate any power that is expressly made
nondelegable by statute. Any rule delegating authority shall
prescribe the limits of the delegation.
(e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,
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(e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2014.