**AB 1725 - Overview**

**Shared governance** is a process created by the California state legislature that guarantees faculty input in the decision-making process of community colleges. The purpose of the law, AB 1725, was to provide a mechanism to insure that the expertise of the faculty would be used in developing college policies. AB 1725 mandates that colleges "consult collegially" with local Academic. **Consult collegially** means that the district governing board shall develop policies on **academic and professional matters** through either or both of the following:

**“Primacy”**

*(The state of being first – as in importance, order or rank)*

1. Rely primarily upon the advice and judgment of the Academic Senate
2. The governing board, or its designees, and the Academic Senate shall reach mutual agreement.

**The state identified "academic and professional" matters as eleven specific areas:**

1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites
2. Degree and certificate requirements
3. Grading policy
4. Educational program development
5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success
6. College governance structures, as related to faculty roles
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes
8. Policies for professional development activities
9. Processes for program review
10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development
11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon:

A: Waiver of Minimum Qualifications and Equivalency  
B: Hiring Criteria  
C: Administrative Retreat Rights  
D: Others as agreed