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## **Relationship of College Groups and District Groups**

As independently accredited institutions, each College complies with the accreditation standards, Education Code, and Title 5 regulations on governance by developing processes for collegial consultation on each campus.

The Colleges have developed autonomous and individualized processes to generate, review, and implement recommendations on the academic and professional matters defined in law and regulation. However, when the implementation of recommendations from a College will impact the other Colleges and/or District, these recommendations are presented at the District Consultation Council. After being reviewed and considered by this District group, recommendations flow to the Chancellor and Board of Trustees or return to the College group for clarification. This does not prevent any of the Academic Senates from communicating directly with the Board of Trustees.

In addition to governance bodies, each College has created advisory and operational groups as needed to maintain smooth routine functioning and to ensure that College constituencies are informed and involved. If recommendations from the Colleges' advisory and operational groups have District-wide implications, these are brought forward for consideration at the appropriate and parallel District operational or advisory group.

### ***District Consultative Structure*** ***General Operating Agreements for District Groups***

Operating agreements outline the rules of conduct, delegation of authority, and the roles and responsibilities of individuals who are committee members.

While some District groups may develop operating agreements specific to its tasks as detailed later in this Handbook, there are six overall operating agreements for VCCCD groups.

1. All members of District groups understand that they attend meetings to represent constituent groups at a College or the District Administrative Center. The group formulates recommendations to the Chancellor through consultation and are responsible to serve as a conduit for information and the catalyst for discussion on topics raised at the District group and within the constituent group. These topics include, but are not limited to, the specific areas outlined in state law.
2. Team members are committed to their group's charge and to agreed-upon norms for operating in District groups. In the first fall meeting, each governance group will: