



# Santa Fe College Rules Manual

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**Title: College Senate Shared Governance Rule 2.4**

General Authority: FS 1001.64  
Law Implemented: FS 1001.64(4)(b)

Effective Date: May 1, 2006

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**Purpose:** To state the general functions of the College Senate.

The College Senate is established to provide a means by which the membership may participate in the formulation of policies for the College; to promote cooperation in the improvement of College and community; to provide a medium through which solutions to educational problems may be found; to provide opportunities for self-development and the exercise of initiative and leadership; to stimulate professional enthusiasm, initiative and spirit; and to function as liaison between the membership and other local, state, and national associations and programs.

The membership of the College Senate is defined in the Senate Constitution.

Elected representatives will serve as the Executive Council of the Senate. The Executive Council will conduct business for the Senate according to the By-Laws and the Constitution. The College Senate Executive Council has the opportunity to propose initiatives and changes and to review and make recommendations on all initiatives and substantial changes to policies, procedures, and practices that affect multiple Senate constituencies. On Board of Trustees agenda items that may be of particular interest to the Senate Executive Council, the College Senate President and the College President will confer. When appropriate, at Board of Trustees meetings, the College President will call upon the College Senate President for comments on specific agenda items. Annually the College President will request that the Senate President make a special presentation to the Board of Trustees regarding the Senate Executive Council's current projects and/or topics of discussion.

If, under this rule, the College Senate addresses matters of policy and procedures that also relate to Career Service employees and their working environment, the Senate will work in conjunction with the Career Service Council.

College Senate Executive Council and Standing Committee Membership Composition: The Senate Committee structure and membership are specified in the Constitution and the By-Laws of the Senate and are hereby incorporated by reference in these rules. A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws are available on the College Senate web site.