

**Statewide Academic Senate versus Local Senates  
Responsibility and Legal Obligations**

	<b>State Academic Senate</b>	<b>Local Senate</b>
Structure	Nonprofit corporation	Sub-body of district governance
Tax status	Exempt as nonprofit business league	Sub-body of district; no separate tax status
Who benefits	All 112 colleges	One college or district
Ownership	No specific ownership, assets and resources controlled by members and profits reinvested	Generally no resources or profits independent of the local district
Assets and support	Primarily supported by membership dues or exempt related activities	Generally no assets or support independent of the local district; often minimal or nonexistent
Lobby	May engage in activity germane to the common business interests of members	Cannot use any district resources to support or oppose any candidate or ballot measure; may only publish informational material
Governance Body	Board of Governors	Local board of trustees
Policy Implications	Education Code, Title 5, Board of Governors Standing Orders, Legislation	Local policies
Who is represented/gives direction	Represents all community college faculty statewide. Executive Committee of 14 is elected by and takes direction from the statewide body; direction primarily provided through resolution process.	Represents local district or college full-time and part-time faculty. Methods of communication and receiving direction vary according to local practice.
Membership	58,000 faculty members	Local college or district faculty
Budget	Over \$2 mil	Granted by the district; minimal if anything.
Staff	10 positions	Generally one position at most; often no staff
Websites	7	Depending on the senate, often a section of the college website
Events	Over 15	Local decision, generally minimal
Resolutions	Approx 80 each year	Local practice
Committees, task forces, ad hoc groups	Over 15	Varies; Usually curriculum committee and others.
Representatives across the state	Over 50	One delegate to each plenary session
Statewide Initiatives and Projects	C-ID, SCP	No direct responsibility for statewide projects
Auxiliary Organization	Foundation	Usually none