

OVERVIEW OF SHARED GOVERNANCE AT LAS POSITAS COLLEGE

Introduction

The shared governance structure of Las Positas College is reflective of an institutional decision-making process that includes representation from all constituents (students, classified professionals, faculty, and administrators) in recommending policies and/or procedures (exclusive of collective bargaining issues) to the President, Chancellor, and Board of Trustees.

The shared governance process is based upon the mutual belief and tradition that the development of College policies, procedures, and recommendations is made by consensus and built upon campus-wide involvement of students, faculty, classified professionals, and administrators. This belief is founded on the premise that, while each group has unique responsibilities and authority, many issues – because of their effect on the operation of the College as a whole – are not exclusive. Through the active engagement and participation of all constituency groups on campus, there is strong commitment to the successful implementation of policy decisions resulting from college-wide recommendations.

This process is in concurrence with the recognition by the Board of Governors of the California Community College System and the CLPCCD Board of Trustees (Policies 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018) that all key parties participate in college and district governance in accordance with Title V (§ 51023.5, 51023.7, 53200, 53201, 53203, and 53204).

All members of the Las Positas College campus community are invited and encouraged to attend committee meetings. Although there are specified voting and non-voting members for each committee, the college encourages any interested faculty, classified professional, student or administrator in attending any committee meeting based on their interest.

Purpose of the Shared Governance Process

The purpose of the Las Positas College shared governance process is to develop a method for collegial consultation that appropriately involves staff, faculty, and students in the planning and operation of the College. This inclusion brings with it the responsibility and obligation on the part of all members of the campus community to fully participate in and be open to the collegial process. This means willingness on the part of all groups to actively contribute to the decision-making process and to accept ownership for the development and creation of a College environment based on these decisions.

These procedures attempt to guide appropriate representation and authority for each constituency group and to delineate committee responsibilities and reporting relationships. It is a purposefully fluid process that will be reviewed and refined on an annual basis, or sooner when needed, with the goal of enhancing and improving collegial consultation.

The Board of Trustees has delegated-authority, through the Chancellor to the President, who will – as appropriate – share that authority through this collegial consultation process. Final authority for governance of Las Positas College rests with the Board of Trustees.