

Message from the College President on Shared Governance

Las Positas College takes great pride in fostering a collegial and shared governance approach to the planning and decision-making processes of the college. Shared governance is all groups participating in the varied parts of the process of decision-making. There is no one unilaterally making decisions without the advice of key constituent voices, nor is there decision-making as simply a matter of taking a group vote. We have agreed together on the process and roles of administrators, faculty, and classified professionals and their various interconnected functions across the campus. Working together at shared governance has allowed us to balance maximum participation with clear accountability. It gives a voice to all constituencies, although, not final authority, for common concerns or specific concerns for all groups.

This Shared Governance Handbook serves as a resource to faculty, classified professionals, students, and administrators on all matters related to the leadership and governance process of the College. The handbook provides an overview of the college's shared governance committee structure, operational guidelines for committees, committees reporting structure, useful forms and templates for committee members, and college planning processes. The college created this handbook to promote understanding and encourage participation on behalf of all members of the college community to serve on its various committees and councils. The institutional structures outlined in this handbook will ensure the continued advancement of Las Positas College and the success of our students.

This handbook is reviewed and updated on an annual basis. Many thanks to those who have shared in the revisions and updating of this version of our Shared Governance Handbook.

Sincerely,



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