

# STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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**TOPIC:** Board Policy 2-50, Shared Governance

**PRESENTED BY:**

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**RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Transform the student experience; Transform our own workforce experience; Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships; Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.

**EXPLANATION:**

Shared governance has a long history in higher education and has been present in various forms at the thirteen colleges. However, there is very little policy and procedure language in place, which results in various philosophies and approaches at each institution. Since January 2023, the System worked with a committee representing faculty (mainly State Faculty Advisory Council members (SFAC)), academic administrators, and Presidents to develop a new policy and procedure for shared governance.

In compliance with the “Higher Learning Commission” (HLC) Criterion 5.A.1, colleges must institute a shared governance model that recognizes the voices of all internal constituents, which includes faculty, instructors, staff, and students. To that end, this policy will ensure compliance with the colleges’ accrediting body.

Within the corresponding System Procedure, specific attention will be dedicated to “academic shared governance”, which aligns with the Board’s and Colleges’ strategic plans, and generally accepted standards within the academic community.

Further, the procedure will provide a unified set of principles the Chancellor expects all colleges’ shared governance frameworks to meet, while providing flexibility to the College Presidents to implement at their respective institution, taking into consideration their specific needs, values, and goals.

Last, the scope and direction of this policy and procedure comply with Board legal governance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

General Counsel and CCCS Staff recommend the Board approve the new BP 2-50.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

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