Shared Governance: What is it and Why is it Important?

“The quality of this university is the quality of its faculty” … Clark Kerr

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The Academic Senate consists, essentially, of tenure and tenure-track faculty members and select senior administrators of the University of California.
“The Academic Senate shall perform such duties as the Board may direct and shall exercise such powers as the Board may confer upon it. It may delegate to its divisions or committees, including the several faculties and councils, such authority as is appropriate to the performance of their respective functions.”
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SENATE AS SET FORTH IN THE STANDING ORDERS 105 OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA:

The Academic Senate shall:

• determine the conditions for admission, for certificates, and for degrees.
• supervise all courses and curricula
• have the right to lay before the Board, but only through the President, its views on any matter pertaining to the conduct and welfare of the University
• determine its own membership as described in Regents Standing Order 105.1b

The Academic Senate is authorized to:

• advise Chancellors concerning campus budgets and the President concerning the University budget
• approve a college or professional school curriculum that has been submitted to the formal consideration of the faculty concerned
• advise Chancellors on the appointment and promotion of tenured and tenure-track faculty members
• advise the President and the Chancellors concerning the administration of the libraries of the University.

As Per Standing Order 105. Academic Senate:
ORGANIZATION OF THE SYSTEMWIDE ACADEMIC SENATE

- **Officers**: Chair, Vice Chair, Executive Director and Secretariat/Parliamentarian

- **Academic Council**

- **Academic Assembly**

- **Systemwide Committees**

- **Ten Campus Divisional Senates**
ORGANIZATION OF THE DAVIS DIVISIONAL ACADEMIC SENATE

Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Executive Director

Executive Council

Representative Assembly

Campus-wide Committees

School and College Faculties
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40 Campus-wide Academic Senate Standing Committees

- Graduate Council:
  - Academic Planning & Development
  - Administrative
  - Bylaws
  - Courses
  - Educational Policy
  - Graduate Student Support
  - Program Review
  - Graduate Student & Post Doc Welfare
  - Program Review Closure

- Academic Freedom & Responsibility
- Admissions & Enrollment
- Affirmative Action & Diversity
- Committee on Committees
- Courses of Instruction
- Distinguished Teaching Awards
- Elections Rules & Jurisdiction
- Emeriti
- Faculty Privilege/Academic Personnel Advisers
- Faculty Research Lecturer
- Faculty Welfare
- Grade Changes
- Information Technology
- International Education
- Joint Personnel
- Library
- Research
- Undergraduate Scholarships, Honors & Prizes

10 School and College Faculties Executive Committees

- College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences
- College of Biological Sciences
- College of Engineering
- College of Letters & Science
- School of Education
- School of Medicine
- School of Veterinary Medicine
- School of Law
- School of Nursing
- Graduate School of Management

Committee on Committees

Academic Personnel:
- Appellate Subcommittee
- Oversight Subcommittee

Privilege & Tenure:
- Investigative Subcommittee
- Hearings Subcommittee

Planning & Budget:
- Instructional Space Subcommittee

Undergraduate Council:
- General Education
- Preparatory Education
- Special Academic Programs
- Undergraduate Instruction & Program Review

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HOW THE ACADEMIC SENATE TOUCHES YOU

• Curriculum Decisions
• Admission and Enrollment
• Research support systems
• Academic Freedom
• Personnel Process
• Faculty Welfare
• Awards
• Information sharing and advice with the administration
• Official Academic Senate representation in senior administrator recruitment, senior administrator review, etc.
• Libraries
SAMPLING OF CURRENT ISSUES

• **Systemwide:**
  • Total Remuneration for Faculty
  • Faculty Retirement
  • Enrollment Management

• **Campus:**
  • Equity & Compensation
  • Faculty Hiring and Retention
  • Campus Research Infrastructure
  • Four Year Degree Completion Initiative