

Policy II.2002.A, Shared Governance

Purpose

Shared governance is the process and forum through which faculty, staff, administrators, and students engage, contribute, and influence decisions regarding policy, procedures, and institutional practices at San Jacinto College.

Policy

San Jacinto College operates on a philosophy of shared governance that informs its decisions, practices, and structure. Representation in the governance of the College is achieved through various employee and student organizations. Shared governance pertains to all organizational levels at the College. Group formation is sponsored or endorsed by the Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) with employee and student representation serving on councils, committees, teams, and employee organizations with a broad representation of backgrounds, viewpoints, and experiences. By engaging all employees and students in this manner, the College attains the vision, achieves the mission, and accomplishes the strategic goals and annual priorities.

Shared Governance practices also include planning and organizing based on principles of innovation, shared accountability, partnerships, and process ownership at the service level.

It is the College's practice and intent to follow a shared governance process; however, occasions may occur when the Board of Trustees and SLT must respond and make decisions quickly and in the best interest of the institution without shared governance involvement and contribution. In such cases, the Chancellor will provide timely communication to employees of the action taken on such matters. While participation in shared governance is important, the final responsibility for decision-making rests with the Board of Trustees and executive leaders of the institution.

The Authority, Applicability, Sanctions, Exclusions, and Interpretation do not differ from Policy II.2000.A, Policy and Procedures Development, Review, Revision, and Rescission.

Associated Procedure

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Date of Board Approval	This policy became effective as of May 7, 2024, under the Chancellor's authority granted by the Board under Policy II.2000.A, Policy and Procedure Development, Review, Revision, and Rescission. Permanent affirmation of the change followed the standard policy review process at the next regularly scheduled meetings of the Board with first reading on May 6, 2024 and second reading on June 3, 2024.
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Primary Owner	Chancellor
Secondary Owner	Deputy Chancellor & President