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Faculty and students are both identified in the California Code of Regulations Title 5 as having specific rights and responsibilities in college governance processes: for academic senates, it is collegial consultation under the “10+1”, for students, it is effective participation under the “9+1”.

While perspectives between faculty and students may differ, many areas of responsibility overlap. This overlap creates an opportunity to learn from each other and to advocate together.
Why is it important to work together

• Guided Pathway asks us to design with the student in mind--why not invite them to design with us.
• Let’s not work on behalf of students but in partnership with students
• We have a common goal = student success
• Administration can say “no” to faculty, it’s harder to say “no” to faculty and students
• Shared goal of equity for all students
• Shared purview established by Title 5
Role of Student Governments

- The primary representative of the student body population in decisions and matters of concern regarding academic standards and policies on campuses
- Advocacy for positive change through interaction with students, faculty, administrators, and staff
- Engagement and empowerment of the student voice in the community
- Managing Campus Culture, Health and Wellness, Sustainability and the Drafting and Pursuance of Initiatives
Title 5- Student Authority to Participate in Governance

Title 5 section 51023 identifies the associated student governments are the representative body of students and that they shall “be provided the opportunity to participate in the formation of policies and procedures that have a significant effect on students.”
The SSCCC 9+1

- grading policies;
- codes of student conduct;
- academic disciplinary policies;
- curriculum development;
- courses or programs which should be initiated or discontinued;
- processes for institutional planning and budget development;
- standards and policies regarding student preparation and success;
- student services planning and development;
- student fees within the authority of the district to adopt; and
- any other district and college policy, procedure or related matter that the district governing board determines will have a significant effect on students.
The 10+1 and the 9+1

1. **Curriculum including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines**
2. Degree and certificate requirements
3. **Grading policies**
4. **Educational program development**
5. **Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success**
6. District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports
8. Policies for faculty professional development activities
9. Processes for program review
10. **Processes for institutional planning and budget development**

+ 1 Other academic and professional matters as are mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the academic senate.

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Shared Areas of Purview

- Grading Policies
- Curriculum Development
- Courses or Programs which should be Initiated or Discontinued;
- Processes for Institutional Planning and Budget Development
- Standards and Policies Regarding Student Preparation and Success

These aligned areas provide local senates and student governments with opportunities to work and support each other.
The plus 1 and beyond

• Somewhat ambiguous
• Articulated in local regulations. Have a conversation locally about identifying these areas
• Role of students and faculty are beyond the 10 and 9 areas designated
  • Hiring
  • Evaluations
  • Equivalency
  • Facilities
• Role of student and faculty in areas beyond the 10+ 1 and 9+1 (not have purview) but should be included in discussion
Student Senate for California Community Colleges

- The **mission** of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (**SSCCC**) is to pursue policies that will improve student access, promote student success, engage and empower local student leaders, and enrich the collegiate experience for all California community college students.

- Institutionally, the Student Senate has been growing rapidly while effectively identifying the needs of Students across the California through its system partners and the State Legislature.
Mission of the ASCCC

As the official voice of California community college faculty in academic and professional matters, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) is committed to equity, student learning and student success. The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges acts to:

• Empower faculty to engage in local and statewide dialog and take action for continued improvement of teaching, learning, and faculty participation in governance
• Lead and advocate proactively for the development of policies, processes, and practices
• Include diverse faculty, perspectives, and experiences that represent our student populations
• Develop faculty as local and statewide leaders through personal and professional development
• Engage faculty and system partners through collegial consultation
How the ASCCC and SSCCC are working together

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) and the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) have started to model these partnerships with expanded communications and taking the opportunities to work together in support of student success.

- SSCCC has a standing report at ASCCC Executive Committee Meetings
- ASCCC has a designated liaison to the SSCCC
- ASCCC supported the SSCCC Anti-Racism Student Plan of Action
- Regular communication between ASCCC and SSCCC Leadership
- Collaborative professional development opportunities like webinars and conference presentations.
Faculty and Students: A partnership in Equity

• The ASCCC has adopted the SSCCC’s Anti-Racism Plan of Action and DEI Compact Resolution to establish a common ground and commitment in these five main areas:
  • Cultural Awareness and Respect
  • Equity Training
  • Changes in Curriculum
  • Peer Mentorship and Alliances
  • Enriching the Classroom Experience
SSCCC Anti-Racism Student Plan of Action

**Cultural Awareness and Respect**- Create a climate of cultural awareness and respect to allow students of color to feel welcome, free to express their opinions and safe in every collegiate environment.

**Equity Training**- Provide adequate training for all employees and students to understand cultural diversity and address issues of racism, unconscious bias and microaggressions in order to pursue racial equity that is conductive for student success.

**Curriculum Changes**- Ensure that the community college curriculum is responsive to all cultures in an effort to foster cultural appreciation, awareness, acceptance and value.

**Peer Mentors and Alliance**- Establish appropriate channels of communication for students to seek help and resources in addressing racism, microaggression and other racial barriers to their education.

**Classroom Experience**- Create a classroom environment that is conductive to learning by ensuring that faculty are representative of the student population, providing students with an opportunity to give feedback to improve their learning experience, and including information on where it go to fund resources on syllabus.
How ASCCC is aligning with the Student Plan

Areas of Focus for 2021-22:

• Culturally Responsive Curriculum, Student Services, and Student Support

• Equity Driven Systems and IDEA (inclusion, diversity, equity, and anti-racism) work, including tenure evaluations and hiring

• Transfer

• Hiring Modules and Tenure Evaluation
Strategies for working together locally

• Develop communication strategies for ongoing dialog
• Regularly attend student government meetings
• Regularly invite student government leaders to your Senate meetings or create a formal liaison position (model after statewide)
• Set up regular reports on your agenda for student government report outs
• Provide support for and collaborate with student leaders in governance trainings on your campus
• Creating positions on academic senate workgroups and committees for student representation
• Partner with your local student government in events like, town halls, campus life, and club activities outside of the classroom
The power of working together

Partnering with student governments on shared areas or purview can strengthen recommendations to the college or district office.

Joint resolutions can provide a powerful statement of unity and collaboration.

Bring in your other partners like unions and classified professionals to provide a united front to administration or your local Board of Trustees.
Communication is integral

It’s important to balance the many different student perspectives on your campus and find solutions that are most inclusive through interpersonal communication and collaboration.

The easiest way to know what matters to your students is to talk to them!

- Student government meetings
- SBA events and activities
- Clubs and your ICC
- Your classes and friends
- Organize town halls for larger, more important issues

Engage students & invite them to participate in governance discussions.
Recommendations

1) Set up ongoing communication with your local Student Government
2) Ask your student governments leaders to present on the SSCCC Anti-Racism Plan of Action at your Senate
3) Make a plan to address the areas of focus in the SSCCC Anti-Racism Plan of Action
4) Invite in your student leaders to your meetings, committee and events, give them opportunities to participate
5) Partner with your local student governments on shared goals
6) Partner with your local student governments on professional development
Resources

ASCCC Website
SSCCC Website
SSCCC Anti-Racism Plan of Action
DEI Compact Resolution
ASCCC Rostrum “Academic Senates and Student Governments:A Critical Partnership”