

## Fullerton College President's Advisory Council

Fullerton College embraces the concept of participatory governance. The purpose of a participatory governance structure for decision making is to ensure that all decisions are well informed by input from the primary segments of the college community: faculty, students, classified staff, confidential employees, and administration. In this regard the model is grounded in Assembly Bill 1725 and in the policies of the North Orange County Community College District Board Policy BP 2510: Participation in Local Decision-Making.

Participatory governance is a process of consultation – a framework of interactions that ensures that decisions are well informed. The process of participatory governance guides and informs the college's decision-making activities, short and long-range planning, and problem-solving tasks. With the exception of collective bargaining, personnel matters and legal issues, all aspects of the college conform to the participatory governance process. Even though the determinations reached through the process are advisory to the College President, who serves as the institution's chief executive officer, the majority of the institutional decisions are based on the directions of the discussion. This is to ensure a system of debate and checks and balances in the review of important matters. It also is designed to promote trust and broaden participation in the decisions reached, thereby reinforcing the structure of governance.

The President's Advisory Council (PAC) serves as the central, participatory governance council, functioning as the institution's primary recommending body for decision-making and planning. The structure and nature of the President's Advisory Council is to facilitate its interactions with all institutional constituencies. The planning role is enhanced by its familiarity with all functions of the college, ensuring both a knowledgeable and integrated perspective.

Specialized projects are referred by the Council to other governance organizations for review, such as the Faculty Senate and the Deans' Council for instructional matters, the Classified Senate for classified issues and the Associated Students for student issues. These bodies report back to the Council with recommendations. For most issues, the determination of the President's Advisory Council is final. In some instances, however, in which District wide concurrence is necessary, the individual groups also make recommendations to their counterparts within the broader District. The College President is charged with representing Council determinations to the Chancellor, the Chancellor's Cabinet and the Board of Trustees.

The President's Advisory Council will strive to integrate all aspects of communication, decision-making and planning tasks. The President's Advisory Council establishes committees to assist with specialized projects.

Membership:

President  
Faculty Representative  
Faculty Representative  
Faculty Representative  
Faculty Representative  
Deans' Council Representative  
Management Representative  
Classified Representative  
Classified Representative  
Associated Students President  
Associated Students Vice President

Resource:

Vice President Instruction  
Vice President Student Services  
Vice President Educational Support & Planning  
Budget Officer  
Public Information Officer  
College Researcher