



Shared Governance Group Name: CT State Curriculum Congress

Currently the CSCU Board of Regents has recognized that *Shared Governance* can be conceptualized as:

Consonant with the mission, vision, and goals of the CSCU System, the Board of Regents and the Faculty Advisory Committee recognize the importance of administration, faculty, staff, and student cooperation in contributing to the advancement of shared governance in the CSCU institutions. Shared governance is defined as communication, collaboration, and mutual accountability between administration, faculty, staff, and students which advances excellence in the operation of CSCU institutions. [CSCU Website; Regents: Shared Governance Award]

Connecticut State Community College ("CT State") is a student-centered institution and is committed to collaborative decision making through shared governance.

The Shared Governance model for the Connecticut State Community College will foster:

- A student-centered and equity-focused culture, which supports the development of the whole student, including learning inside and outside of the classroom
- A voice for all members of the college, including students, faculty, staff, and administrators
- Transparency and trust through clear communication
- Freedom to respectfully debate or disagree without fear of recrimination
- Representation from all campuses and constituencies
- Participatory decision making, with the acknowledgement that the legislated authority for all decisions rests with the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR)

Charge

The primary charge of the Curriculum Congress will be to conduct interdisciplinary review and approval of curriculum proposals for CT State.

The Curriculum Congress is the main forum for discussion of curriculum and curriculum-related issues for the statewide college community in support of aligned academic programs and courses for a single catalog.

To honor the NECHE standard that curriculum is the primary domain of faculty (3.15) and to maximize the ability to timely respond to industry needs and streamline the process of curriculum development, the Curriculum Congress is not a sub-committee of the College Senate.

All curricular recommendations will be applicable to CT State, including local unique campus programs that may only be currently offered at a single campus. Recommendations regarding curriculum are made by the Curriculum Congress to the CT State Provost & President. When applicable the Provost and/or President will forward the curriculum to the CSCU system approval process and Board of Regents.

The Curriculum Congress shall develop mechanisms to provide periodic updates to the College Senate.

Membership

A guiding principle for curriculum congress membership is that there should be representation from a variety of disciplines as well as relevant enrollment services, administration, other professional staff, and students.

This membership will include:

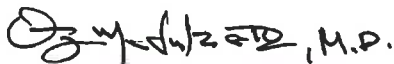
- 24 voting Faculty members (4 from each school/program area in CT State)
- 6 voting CCP/Staff members (1 from Advising, 1 from Registration, 1 from Library, 1 CCP with direct curricular responsibilities, and 2 "At-large" Non-Management Staff)
- 3 voting Students (1 SGA representative from each group of small, medium, large campuses)

The Curriculum Congress should include at least one representative (faculty/staff) from each of the 12 campuses. If there is no representation from a campus, that campus's local senate will elect a non-voting member to the Congress to ensure communication between each campus and the Congress.

CT State Provost or designee will serve as an ex officio member.

The Congress will create and update its own charter/bylaws, subcommittees (as needed), and standard operating procedures. The charter/bylaws should include publishing agendas, minutes, and materials in a timely manner. The Congress shall define majority and quorum for voting purposes.

Detailed information on the Shared Governance model and the CT State Governance structure is available at <https://www.ctstate.edu/governance/>.

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Charge Date