

01-02-00 Shared Governance Policy

PURPOSE

This policy is established to provide principles for shared governance at Nashville State Community College and to establish an effective means whereby faculty, students, staff, and administrators can have input into the development of policies and programs relating to subject matters of interest to each of the respective constituent groups, while recognizing that the responsibility and authority for decision-making rests solely with the administration.

POLICY/GUIDELINE

Principles

1. TBR and Nashville State Community College recognize that faculty, students, staff, and administrators are vital components of the campus community which should effectively contribute to the progress and general welfare of the college.
2. The Tennessee Board of Regents has delegated to the President of Nashville State Community College the responsibility and authority to make decisions regarding the operation of the institution, subject to TBR policies and procedures and applicable laws. Consistent with that delegation, the President is responsible for ensuring effective communication and consideration of the perspectives of the various components of the institution, and to represent the institution to the public.
3. Faculty have a primary interest in academic affairs, including curriculum, program changes and development, and admission and graduation requirements. Faculty also have a direct interest in both student and academic affairs. The faculty shall communicate its interests, views, and recommendations concerning the development of policies and programs relating to these matters to the President and the College administration through the Faculty Senate's representative(s) on the President's Cabinet. Nashville State Community College places primary responsibility for the content, quality, and effectiveness of curriculum with its faculty.
4. Students have a primary interest in matters of student life, including discipline. Students shall communicate its interests, views, and recommendations concerning the development of policies and programs relating to these matters to the President and the College administration through the Student Government Association's representative(s) on the President's Cabinet.
5. Staff have primary interest in matters that impact the operation of the institution. Staff shall communicate its interests, views, and recommendations concerning the development of policies

and programs relating to these matters to the President and the College administration through the Staff Assembly's representative(s) on the President's Cabinet.

6. Administrators have primary interest in the operation of the institution, implementation of policies set forth by the governing board, and representation of the institution to its many publics. Administrators shall communicate its interests, views, and recommendations concerning the development of policies and programs relating to these matters to the President and the College administration through the Administrative Assembly's representative(s) on the President's Cabinet.

SOURCES

- American Association of University Professors (AAUP)
- SACSCOC standard 10.4 on Academic Governance

RELATED POLICIES

- TBR Policy [1.03.10.00 Student & Faculty Participation in Development of Campus Policies & Programs v.1](#)
- TBR Policy [1.03.02.00 Duties of the Institutional Presidents v.1](#)

Approved by Committee on Committees 10/2/25

Approved by NSCC Cabinet 11/10/25