

Shared Governance

What is it? Why is it important?

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“Faculty are at the heart of the academic enterprise of teaching, research and public service. They are critical not only in maintaining the quality of the university’s academic programs, but also in advising the president and the chancellors.”

J.A. Douglas

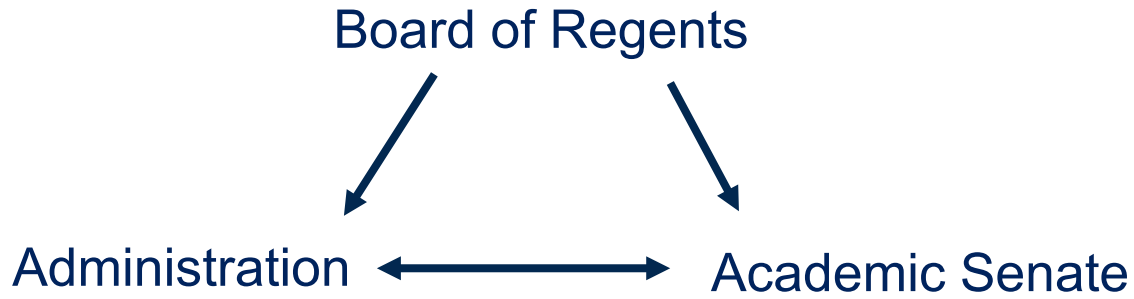
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Shared Governance: The Cornerstone of the UC System

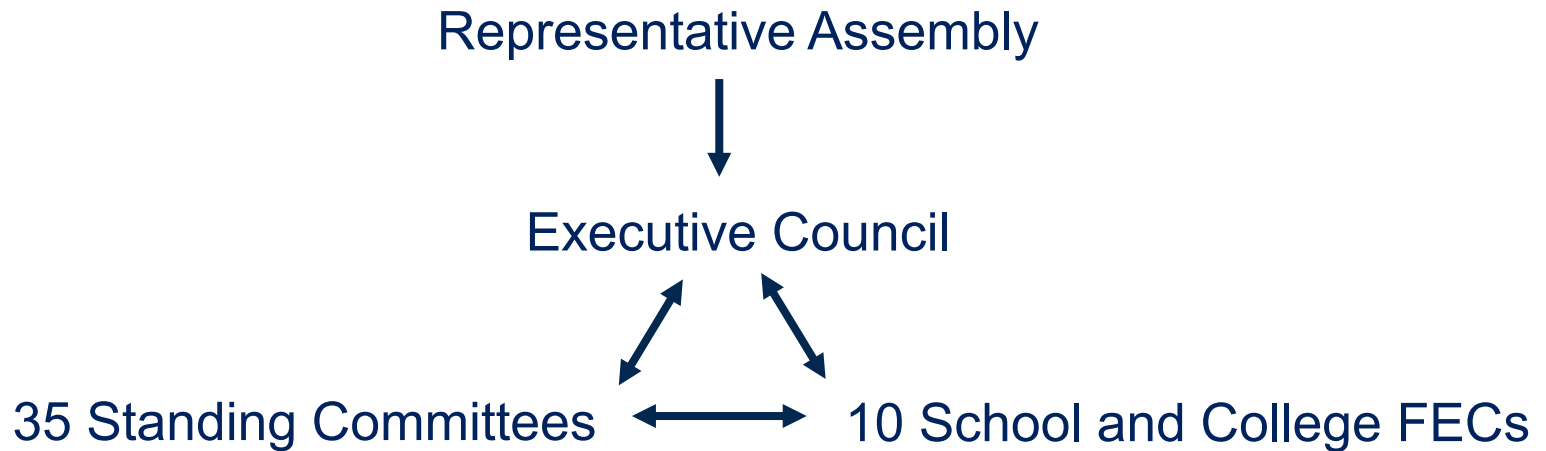
Academic Senate Duties and Powers ([Regents Bylaw 40.1](#)):

- Determine conditions for admission and for certificates and degrees
- Authorize and supervise all courses and curricula
- Advise the president and chancellors on campus and university budgets, and on the administration of libraries
- Advise on faculty appointments, merits, and promotions
- In practice, advise the administration on many additional issues that affect the conduct and welfare of the university

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Davis Division of the Academic Senate



Davis Division Committees

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Welfare
Program Review Closure

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Instructional Space

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Hearings

Undergraduate Council
General Education
Preparatory Education
Special Academic Prog.
Undergrad Instruction &
Prog. Review

Request for Consultation Process

- Structured workflow, ensuring that the faculty is consulted, and its voice heard
- Broad participation and perspective
- Collective expertise
- Decision-making based on faculty input
- Deliberative and transparent
- One voice

Davis Division Priorities

- Administrative Staffing Review
- Senate leadership will continue efforts to reengage with faculty at the school/college and departmental level
- Continue with to work with Disability Management Services (DMS) and the Student Disability Center (SDC) to clarify process and address faculty needs
- Systemwide priorities:
 - Future of UC graduate education
 - Rebuilding UC excellence and addressing faculty workload balance post-pandemic
 - AI and academic integrity
 - Transfer student issues

How can you participate?

- Respond to the Academic Senate Annual Call distributed by email in December
 - Appointments and re-appointments are conducted annually
 - Many more volunteer than can be placed, so apply again next year!
- Get involved in Senate service at the college or school level and explore other forms of service at the departmental and graduate group level
- Exceptional service effort is recognized during the merit and promotion process

Questions?

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Resources

- [Davis Division of the Academic Senate](#)
- [Systemwide Academic Senate](#)
- [Paper by J.A. Douglas](#)
- [Paper by D. Simmons](#)