



HLC: 37 Days and Counting...Did You Know?

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Did you know that faculty representatives from every academic department participate in shared governance through the Faculty Senate and its standing committees?

Self-Study Report, Evidence Item 5B1-3: CMU faculty participate in shared governance through the Faculty Senate, recognized by the Board as the primary formal representative of the faculty to it and the administration. "Faculty input is a vital component of informed decision-making at Colorado Mesa University," and the primary mechanism by which faculty members participate in governance is through the Faculty Senate (Trustees Policy Manual, p. 12, line 262). The Senate is composed of representatives from each academic department and all full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty members are eligible to serve.

Standing committees are staffed by faculty members from across the CMU community to ensure broad participation by faculty in the governance process, and the following lists the Faculty Senate's Standing Committees:

- Academic Policies Committee
- Assessment Committee
- Curriculum Committees (graduate, undergraduate, and WCCC)
- Distance Learning and Technology Committee
- Distinguished Faculty Award Committee
- Faculty Salary and Benefits Committee
- Library Advisory Committee
- Sabbatical Leave Committee

The Faculty Senate reported to the trustees in October 2012 that 60 percent of tenured- and tenure-track faculty members participate in the shared governance of the institution by serving either on the Senate itself or one of its standing committees, demonstrating the successful engagement of a critical internal constituency.

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