

Shared Governance Statement at Collin College – Timeline

- **April 26, 2005** - Board Policy BGC(Local) on Administrative Organization Plan Role of Faculty first adopted.
- **2007 TASB Update** – Board Policy BGC(Local) title changed to Administrative Organization Plan Councils and Faculty Senates, and used the term College District in lieu of College.
- **October 7, 2013** – The college outlined its collaborative process and shared governance responsibilities in the “Shared Governance at Collin College” document listed on our website, available at:
<https://www.collin.edu/leadership/pdf/2013SharedGovernanceCollin.pdf>.
- **December 16, 2016** – The “Shared Governance at Collin College” document was updated with new committee names and organizational changes.
- **March 16, 2021** – District President’s announcement of the launch of a task force to examine shared governance at Collin College to be led by Dr. Schumann is sent to the faculty.
- **March 23 and March 30, 2021** – First set of Shared Governance Task Force meetings.
- **April 12, 2021** – Committee of the Whole meeting, presentation “Overview of Shared Governance” by Executive Vice-President, Dr. Sherry Schumann, and General Counsel, Monica Velazquez.
- **April 27, 2021** - “Shared Governance at Collin College” document updated on the college’s website,
<https://www.collin.edu/leadership/pdf/SharedGovernanceCollin.pdf>
- **April 23 and April 27, 2021** – Second set of Shared Governance Task Force meetings.
- **May 7 and May 11, 2021** – Third set of Shared Governance Task Force meetings.
- **August 5, 2021** – Board Retreat. Discussion regarding enhancing district-wide communication.
- **August 24, 2021** (3:21 p.m.) – District President announces the creation of the Academic, Governance, and Strategic Planning (AGS) Council.

- **August 24, 2021** – OEP and Board Meeting, 1st reading of Board policy BGC(Local) as follows:

College District faculty, ~~staff, and administrators-members,~~ serve the College District ~~and participate in shared governance through membership and involvement in College District-recognized academic, governance, and strategic planning matters through membership and involvement in, but not limited to, College District recognized committees and task forces.~~

- At the request of District President, the word “students” was added to the policy. At the request of Trustee Menon and to address concerns raised by Trustee Orr, “shared” was removed from the term “shared governance” in the policy.
- **September 28, 2021** – OEP and Board Meeting, 2nd reading of Board policy BGC(Local) as follows:

College District faculty, staff, **students**, and administrators ~~members~~ serve the College District ~~and participate in shared governance through membership and involvement in College District-recognized academic, governance, and strategic planning matters through membership and involvement in, but not limited to, College District recognized committees and task forces.~~

- Request made in OEP to bring back definition on shared governance.
- Revised BGC(Local) policy approved by Board by a vote of 9-0.
- **Academic, Governance, and Strategic Planning (AGS) Council** (each AGS meeting had a full agenda. Shared governance has been one topic discussed throughout the meetings).
 - **November 17, 2021 meeting** – Materials distributed for review and future discussion. Topic held for discussion at the December 1 meeting due to time restraints (documents submitted/provided by Roger Ward and Dr. Schumann)
 - **AAUP Joint Statement on Shared Governance (AAUP, American Council on Education, and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB))**
 - **AGB Board of Directors’ Statement on Shared Governance**
 - **AAUP on AGB Statement on Governance**
 - **How to Make Shared Governance Work: Some Best Practices**

- **December 1, 2021 meeting** – Began discussion around the various concepts, definitions, and perspectives presented throughout the literature. AGS Council members expressed that they understood that there is no one universally accepted policy or definition. Started brainstorming key concepts, terms, principles, and components of shared governance. Gathered a list of concepts, ideas, and phrases from AGS membership. Dr. Wendy Commons, English Professor and Chair of the Online Advisory Board, and Kim Davison, Chief of Staff, volunteered to begin putting the words or phrases together to create an initial draft for review at the first spring meeting. Asked membership to submit additional ideas and thoughts post discussion.
- **March 1, 2022 meeting** (Due to inclement weather, scheduled February meeting moved to March) – Dr. Wendy Commons and Kim Davison (with input by other staff) created draft segments which were combined to create a starting point for review and discussion by AGS Council membership (Versions 1 – 4). Distributed at the meeting. Group worked to edit initial drafts. Requested revisions, suggestions, edits, and input before the next meeting. Dr. Schumann shared information presented in December by Dr. Belle Wheelan, President of SACSCOC, that A Principles Review Committee is to be established for mid-cycle review. One topic to be considered - Shared Governance. Academic Governance is addressed in the standards, but not Shared Governance. If the committee makes a recommendation, College will revisit to ensure alignment.
- **March 24, 2022 meeting** – Prior to the meeting, membership submitted edits and suggestions to the previous drafts, and a Version 5 draft was created. Version 5 was discussed, edited, and revised during the meeting. Version 5.3 resulted. Distributed to membership with a request for final edits so a review and decision to move forward or revise could be made at the April AGS Council meeting.
- **April 28, 2022 meeting** – Based on review and discussion, no further edits were requested by the Council members. Moved to send the final version for consideration to the May OEP committee meeting. Unanimously supported by the AGS Council Membership.
- **May 24, 2022** – OEP and Board Meeting, 1st reading of Board policy BGC(Local) which included the Shared Governance statement created and supported by the AGS Council.