

Proposed amendment to the bylaws to add Committee on Shared Governance as a standing committee.

**K. Committee on Shared Governance (under Article IV Senate Committees)**

1. Functions. The functions of the Committee on Shared Governance include:
  - a. Review and assess existing shared governance structures, practices, and policies at USD to ensure alignment with the university's mission, values, and principles of transparency, collaboration, and inclusivity.
  - b. Recommend improvements to enhance communication, consultation, and decision-making processes among administration, faculty, staff, and students across all university levels.
  - c. Serve as a forum for raising and addressing university-wide concerns related to shared governance, including but not limited to academic policy development, administrative changes, and strategic planning.
  - d. Monitor the implementation and effectiveness of shared governance recommendations and initiatives, and report findings to the University Senate and appropriate administrative bodies.
  - e. Promote awareness and education about shared governance principles through workshops, presentations, and resource sharing within the university community.
  
2. Membership. Committee membership will consist of University employees as follows:
  - a. The Chair of the Senate will appoint one tenured or tenure-track faculty member from at least 5 different academic units and at least one non-tenure-track faculty member.