



Board of Trustees: Shared Governance Committee Charter

Purpose:

The role of the Shared Governance Committee is the continuing pursuit of excellence in education, research, communication, and honest dialogue with the members of the faculty, administration, and Board of Trustees on behalf of the entire university community.

Staff Officer:

The Provost of the University ordinarily shall serve as staff officer of this Committee.

Meetings:

The committee shall meet at least three (3) times during the year, in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Board meetings. Generally, these meetings will occur the day before the regular Board meeting.

Agenda, Minutes and Reports:

The staff officer will be responsible for developing agendas and materials for the board, in collaboration with the chair of the committee. Minutes of all meetings shall be prepared by a designee of the Staff Officer. The minutes shall be approved by the committee at the following meeting. Minutes will also be sent, once approved, to the Executive Committee of the Board. The Chair will make regular reports on Committee actions at the following Board meeting.

Responsibilities:

- Manage the shared governance principles and practices through which faculty and staff members participate with the administration and the Board of Trustees.
- Ensure that shared governance is based on open communication, accountability, and mutual respect, for the sake of best advancing the mission, goals and objectives of the University.

Definition:

Shared governance embraces principles and practices through which administrators, trustees, and faculty participate in certain important decisions regarding the operation of Marywood University. Collegial governance is a system based on the idea that authority and responsibility are shared among colleagues, some of whom are primarily faculty members and some of whom are primarily administrators. Successful shared governance depends on the good faith

consultation among these colleagues prior to decision-making; such consultation should also include staff members and students whenever policy or personnel decisions are likely to affect them and whenever policy or personnel documents do not explicitly exclude them. A goal of transparency should be honored whenever possible. It is recognized that final legal authority at Marywood rests with the Board of Trustees.

11/10/2018 – The Board of Trustees approved amending the Bylaws by removing the purpose, responsibilities, and information about each of the Board of Trustees' Committees and creating a Committee Charter for each of them.