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should have shared governance. Shared governance means that faculty has a place at the table for making decisions that affect the immediate and long-term life of the college community. It is crucial for all faculty to be involved in shared government, otherwise all authority rests exclusively in the hands of administrators, whose appointments need have no faculty input. Shared governance is also vitally important to continual accreditation of the college.

Here at SCCC, we have shared governance, with faculty playing an active role in the decisions that shape the life of the college. Our primary interest lies in the academic and curricular issues that impact the education of our students, but we also provide the President of the College, the Board of Trustees, and the general Administration with deliberative opinions on other matters that affect the lives of students and faculty on campus.

For more information about the role of faculty in shared government, visit www.fccc.suny.edu/ccgovernance.html

The Assembly is one of three campus governance bodies at the college; the others are the Ammerman Senate and the East Congress. The Grant campus Assembly and East Campus Congress are comprised of all full time professional employees. At the Ammerman campus, representatives are elected to the Senate. These three bodies have been working together to organize college-wide governance and the network of college-wide committees that have grown over the years. The three campus governance bodies send members from their campus to the corresponding college-wide committees and to the recently created College Governance Council. The Council brings the resolutions of the three campus governance bodies to the college administration for action.

Officers:
The Chairperson serves a two-year term. The Chairperson prepares the agenda, presides at all Assembly and Executive Committee sessions and serves as the official representative of the Assembly for the College as a whole.

The Secretary of the Assembly serves a one-year term. The secretary prepares minutes of all the sessions and arranges for their posting on the College website and transmits all resolutions of the Assembly to the appropriate College officials and governing bodies.

The Executive Committee is made up of the officers of the Assembly, the chairs of the elected committees and four “at large” members elected by the members of the assembly for two year terms.

Committees:
The Assembly currently has ten standing committees. Three of these – the Academic Standards Committee, the Curriculum Committee and the Computing Committee – are designated as “elected” committees because their members, as specified in the Assembly By-Laws, are elected by and represent the academic areas and departments. Designated members of these campus committees also represent the campus on the College Academic Standards Committee, the College Curriculum Committee and the College Computing Council.

The Assembly also has seven “volunteer” committees whose membership is open to all Assembly members. These committees provide an excellent opportunity for faculty to positively impact many aspects of college life.

- Campus Life Committee
- Committee Serving the Needs of Persons with Disabilities
- Community Relations Committee
- FOCUS Committee
- Honors Committee
- Nature Preserve Committee
- Physical Development Committee
- Scholarship Committee