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Shared governance at Eastern Arizona College (EAC or the College) is foundational in assuring the work, goals, and decisions of EAC align with the Mission and Strategic Plan. EAC invites and values the perspectives of all constituents through the practice of shared governance. Each EAC committee, council, advisory committee, and constituency group has separate but complementary roles and responsibilities. Shared governance at EAC engages these groups to support timely input and informed decision-making with regard to College policies, regulations, processes, and strategic planning.

Three elements are central to successful shared governance:

1. An understanding that certain areas of authority within the College are governed or defined by state or federal law, and as such fall outside of the regulation on shared governance.
2. An understanding that in all other cases, the charge assigned to a committee, council, advisory committee, or other constituency group within shared governance should be linked to its defined responsibilities or other specific expertise.
3. A commitment to shared governance is grounded in respect, collegiality, communication, and cooperation across all constituency groups.

EAC recognizes the following constituency groups and related committees, councils, and advisory committees as part of shared governance at the College.

District Governing Board

The Graham County Community College District Governing Board (District Governing Board) considers all data and information supporting recommendations and majority opinions from the shared governance structure as presented through the President. The District Governing Board retains ultimate authority and responsibility for actions and decisions per Policy 9110.00, General Powers and Duties.

Administration

The College President engages stakeholders within the shared governance structure to develop regulation related to all approved policies. The College Administration communicates with all constituency groups and related committees, councils, and advisory committees to relay information and solicit feedback and recommendations when appropriate. The College President retains ultimate authority and responsibility for all recommendations submitted to the District Governing Board. The President has the responsibility to provide leadership for achieving the College’s goals as defined in the Strategic Plan in support of the EAC Mission.

Related committees, councils, and advisory committees include:

- Administrative Cabinet
- Campus Safety Committee
- District Executive Team
- Committed to Community Access and Belonging Committee
- Executive Council
- Facility & Event Management Committee
- Freedom of Expression Committee
- Policy Review Committee
- Strategic Facilities Committee
- Strategic Initiative Committees
- Strategic Technology Committee
- Systems Governance Council



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Faculty

The Faculty Association provides an organization that can develop and recommend policies, procedures, and processes related to faculty responsibility. Recommendations from the faculty pass through the Faculty Association Executive Team to the President of the College. The Faculty Association President serves as the faculty’s voice and liaison in matters of shared governance. Faculty are kept apprised on the important information at the College and are responsible for providing timely recommendations for policies, procedures, processes, and College decisions. Faculty are considered subject matter experts in curriculum and other academic matters pertaining to student learning outcomes and student success.

Related committees, councils, and advisory committees include:

- Academic Standards & Appeals Committee
- Assessment Committee
- Campus Safety Committee
- Committed to Community Access and Belonging Committee
- Care Team
- Curriculum Committee
- Distance Education Committee
- Employee Recognition Committee
- Faculty Association
- Freedom of Expression Committee
- President & Faculty Leadership
- Strategic Initiative Committees
- Strategic Technology Committee

Staff

EAC Staff Association provides an organization through which staff can participate in shared governance. Recommendations from the staff pass through the Staff Association Leadership to the President of the College. The Staff Association President serves as the staff’s voice and liaison on matters of shared governance. Staff are kept apprised on the important information at the College and are responsible for participating in discussions seeking staff feedback on policies, procedures, processes, and College decisions.

Related committees, councils, and advisory committees include:

- Employee Recognition Committee
- Campus Safety Committee
- President and Staff Association Leadership
- Staff Association
- Forms Committee
- Solution Advisory Team
- Strategic Initiative Committees
- Strategic Technology Committee

Students

The Associated Students of EAC (ASEAC) student government structure provides an organization that can develop and recommend policies and guidelines in areas impacting student life. The individual student government positions collectively represent the voice of the students. Recommendations from ASEAC pass through the ASEAC President to the President of the College. The ASEAC President serves as the students’ voice and liaison on matters of shared governance. ASEAC



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informs students on the work of student government and conducts discussions seeking student feedback. ASEAC provides timely recommendations for policies, procedures, processes, and College decisions. Representatives from ASEAC serve on several College committees.

Related committees, councils, and advisory committees include:

- EAC Associated Students
- Administrative Cabinet
- Academic Standards & Appeals
- Financial Aid Committee
- Judiciary Committee

Employers, Transfer Institutions, Partners, and the General Community

EAC seeks the perspectives, needs, and requests of EAC’s external constituents as part of shared governance. EAC has a robust process for collecting external stakeholder feedback through surveys, focus groups, and the organization of advisory committees. Feedback is solicited on a routine basis and as needed for informed decision-making regarding policies, procedures, processes, and strategic planning as appropriate.

Related committees, councils, and advisory committees include:

- Program Advisory Committees
- Statewide Boards and Organizations

The operation of shared governance at EAC takes place through an organized structure to facilitate information sharing and timely collection of recommendations and input on policies, procedures, processes, and strategic planning. The structure is depicted below.

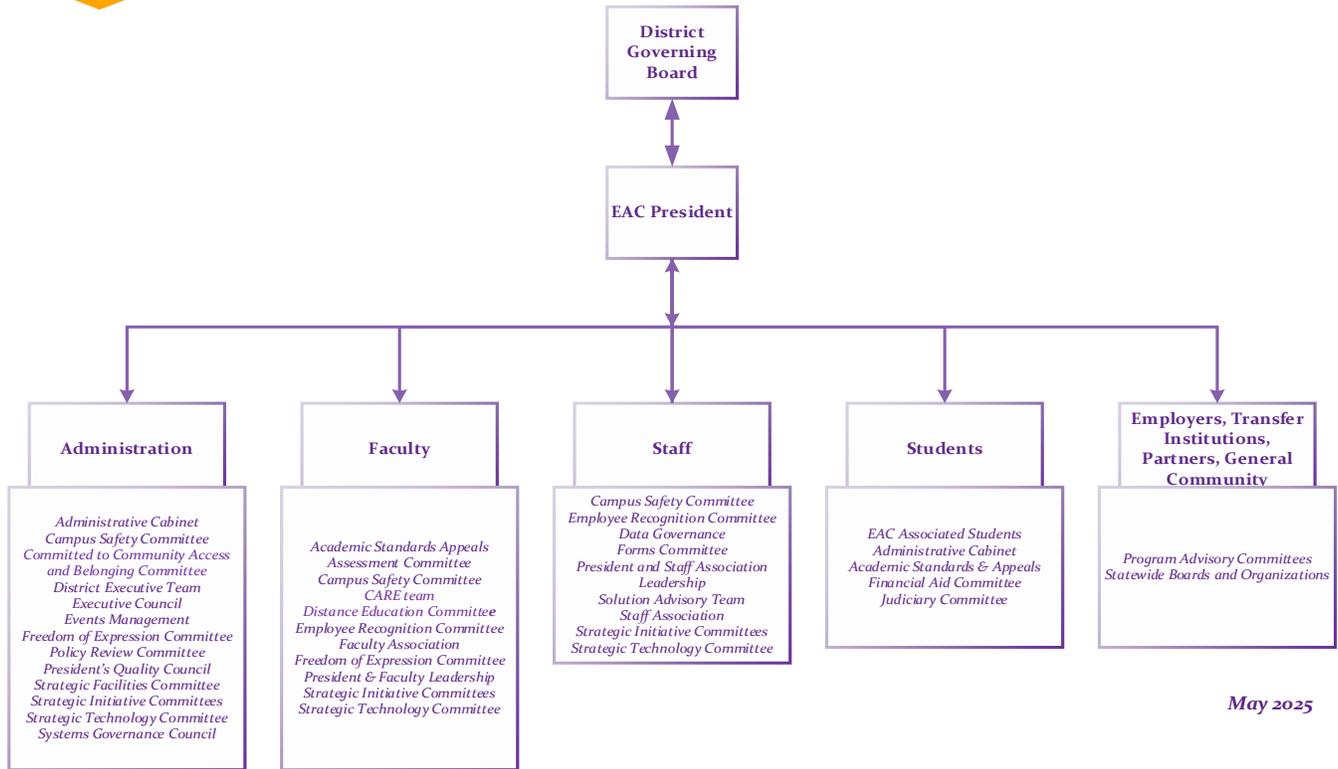


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