

Shared Governance and It's Role in Higher Education

Although shared governance is widely recognized as a foundation of all institutions of higher education, there remains a striking diversity of opinion regarding exactly what shared governance means and how it should be practiced at specific colleges and universities. Has shared governance become so hackneyed that it is becoming what some linguists call an “empty” or “floating” signifier, so devoid of meaning that it takes on whatever significance a particular speaker or author gives it? This interactive workshop will clearly define the roles and responsibilities of both faculty and administrators need to play in setting university policy. Through the use of case study scenarios and role playing shared governance will answer the question: Has shared governance outlived its usefulness and utility in the 21st Century?