# **Committee Effectiveness**

**Survey Results** 





# **Survey Purpose**



Measure member perceptions of Committee effectiveness



Be a catalyst for thoughtful discussion



Help inform actionable committee changes moving into the new year

# **Committees with Participating Members**

**Academic Support** 

Calendar

**Business and Finance** 

**College Governance** Institutional Effectiveness **Tech Review** Curriculum **Program Review Outcomes Assessment** Distance Education & **Professional Development** Instructional Technology \*Note: Last year 11 committees had members who participated in the survey, this year there were 17. There was an increase of 6 committees or subcommittees

**EEO & Diversity** 

**Enrollment Management** 

**Health and Welfare Benefits** 

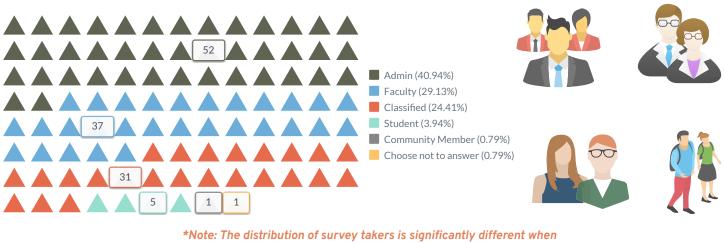
Safety

**Technology** 

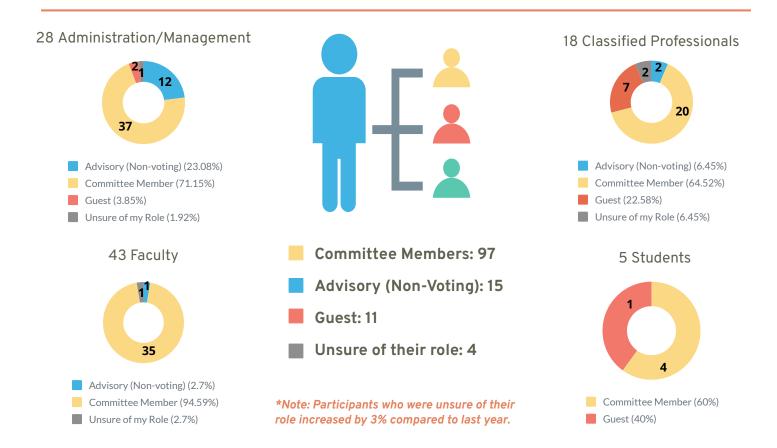
Student Equity and Achievement

who participated when compared to last years committee participation.

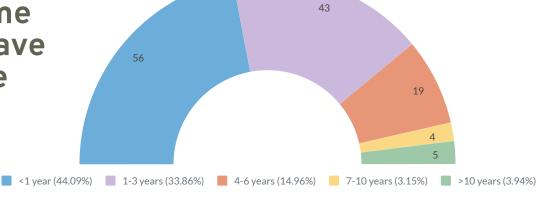
# Participation- 127 survey responses (33 more than last year)



\*Note: The distribution of survey takers is significantly different wher compared to last year. Admin distribution increased by 11%, faculty fell by 21%, classified increased by 5% and students increased by 1%.



Amount of time participants have spent on the committee



\*Note: The distribution of participants who have been on the committee for less than a year nearly doubled when compared to last year from 23.4% to 44.1%. The most significant drop among other categories was those who have spent 1-3 years on the committee decreasing from 48.9% to 33.9%. 1/3 of advisory members have served on the committee for less than one year (33%). 40% of management have served on the committee for less than 1 year.

### Survey Result Highlights

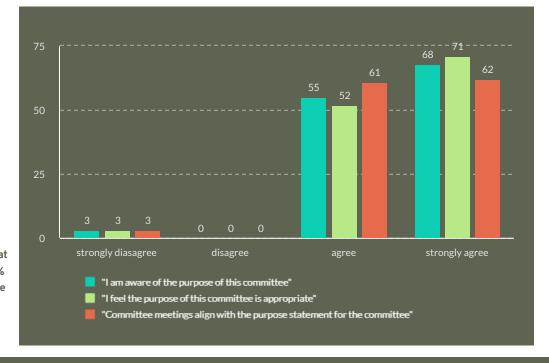
- 127 Committee Members took the Committee Self-Assessment Survey.
- 44% have served on the committee less than one year (23% last year).
- Members had more awareness of the committee purpose (+2%) when compared to last year.
- 98% agree that meetings align with the committees purpose.
- 91% agree meetings are held with appropriate regularity, and 94% agree the length is appropriate (no change from last year).
- Member were less likely to agree they receive the meeting agenda and materials with enough advance notice for preparation (-3%) when compared to last year.
- 96% agree meeting minutes are accurate and reflective of meeting discussions (-1% from last year).
- 93% of members agreed meeting time is spent in an appropriate manner (+7% when compared to last year).
- 89% agree that members are sufficiently knowledgeable to make effective recommendations (+3% from last year).

- 84% agree that members come to the meetings prepared (+1% from last year). This is the lowest statement of agreement throughout the survey. Comments about lack of member attendance contributed to this low rate of preparedness.
- Members agree there is mutual respect (98%) and consideration (97%) for one another during meetings.
- 96% share meeting information with the groups or areas they represent (+3% from last year).
- 99% agree the committee supports the college mission (+4% from last year).
- 93% agree the committee contributes to districtwide decision making (+4% from last year)
- 90% agree the committee's decision-making is datadriven (no change from year prior).
- 90% agree the committee addresses issues and makes decisions in a timely manner (+6% from last year).
- 93% agree the committee follows through with its plans and decisions (+5% from last year).
- 94% agree their comments are taken into consideration during the decision-making process (+3% from last year).

# Committee Purpose



98% of participants agree or strongly agree that they are aware of the committee purpose (96% last year). 98% agree or strongly agree that the purpose is appropriate (97% last year). 98% agree or strongly agree that committee meetings align with the committee purpose.



#### People commended:

- The meeting minutes and the easy access via BoardDocs
- Committee Leadership
- The report-out process
- Organization and alignment of meetings with purpose

Improvement comments:

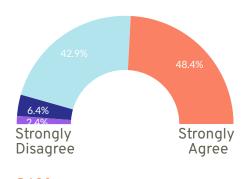
- Some areas of the purpose are met, but others are not
- Revise the description to accurately reflect the work we do to meet our purpose
- Focus more on student equity
- Periodically refocus throughout the semester

One committee shared they made changes to the committee purpose and description based on survey feedback.

Another committee said they would, "review purpose and description for clarity and appropriateness [and] set goals for this year."

# Timing of the Meetings

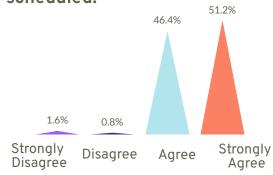
"Our Meetings are held regularly and with appropriate frequency."



91%

Agree or strongly agree

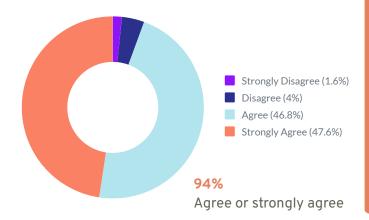
"Our Meetings begin and end as scheduled."



98%

Agree or strongly agree

#### "The length of our meeting is appropriate."



#### **Areas for improvement:**

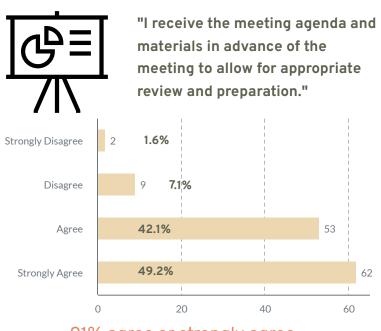
- Meetings held regularly
- Better organization and use of time
- Less information loaded into one meeting
- Ensure enough time for all agenda items
- Minutes should capture discussion during the meeting
- Work with scheduling issues for members

We will "focus on the delivery/publication of agendas on the Friday before the meeting [and] meeting for the full length of time scheduled."

"Continued agenda prioritization based upon the topic of urgency and importance. The chairperson will periodically review the time allocated and adjust time limits based on evolving priorities to ensure efficiency."

"Leave the meetings as is with one meeting for discussion/planning and one as working meeting."

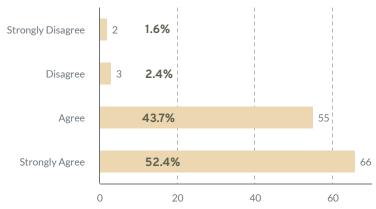
## Meeting Minutes and Materials



91% agree or strongly agree 94% last year



"The minutes of the meetings are accurate and reflect the discussion, next steps, and/or actions items articulated by the members."



96% agree or strongly agree 97% last year

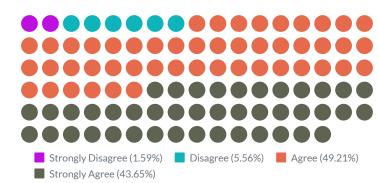
# **Appropriate and Effective?**

#### Time Usage:

"I feel we use our meeting time well. Issues get the time and attention proportionate to their importance."

93% agree or strongly agree 86% last year

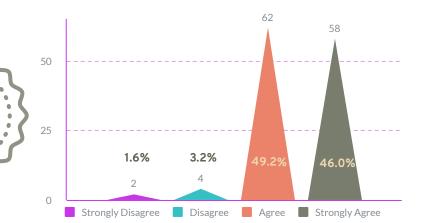




#### Membership:

"The membership of the committee is appropriate."

95% agree or strongly agree 94% last year



Membership Improvement Areas:

- Member participation/preparedness
- Member attendance
- Additional training for members

"To make sure all members are knowledgeable, training materials will be shared with members and... there will be a meeting held strictly for norming sessions for scoring [program review] feedback"

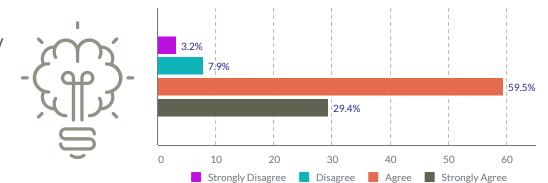
Some committee feedback:
"Everyone agrees to attend and participate in meetings."
"Members will make a concerted effort to attend at least 90% of meetings and, if not able, will have an alternate fill in for them."

"Chairs will take the time to explain everything we are doing and really slow down to ensure everyone understands what is going on and has background information before we begin discussing "feedback."

#### **Knowledge:**

"Members are sufficiently knowledgeable to make effective recommendations."

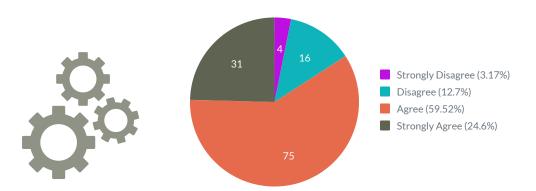
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#### **Preparedness:**

"Members of the committee come to the meeting prepared and ready to contribute."

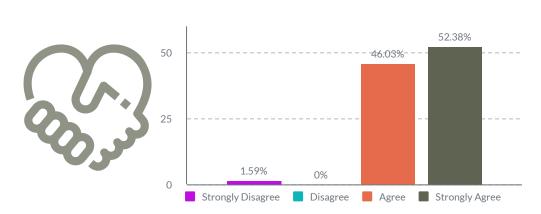
84% agree or strongly agree 83% last year



#### **Respect:**

"Members treat each other with respect and courtesy."

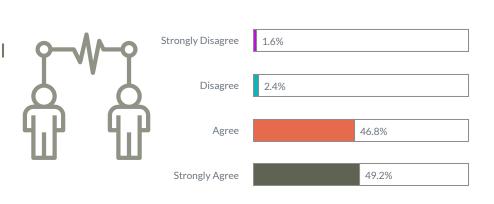
98% agree or strongly agree 98% last year



#### **Consideration:**

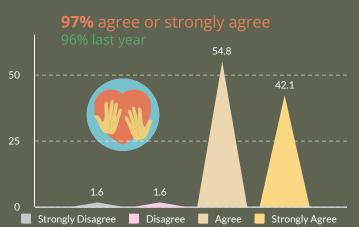
"As a general rule, when I speak I feel that my comments are listened to."

97% agree or strongly agree 96% last year



# **Putting Aside Agendas**

"Most participants in the committee discussions put aside personal agendas when it is time to formulate a recommendation."



# **Sharing Information**

"I share the information with my constituent group or area I represent."

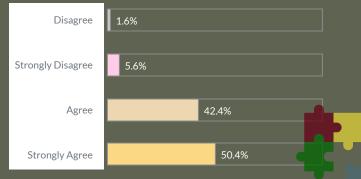
**96%** agree or strongly agree 56.4% 39.7% Strongly Disagree Disagree Agree Strongly Agree

#### **Supporting the Mission District-wide Contribution**

2.4%

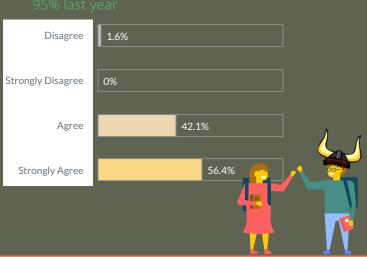
1.6%

"The committee contributes to district-wide decision making."



"The committee supports the college mission."

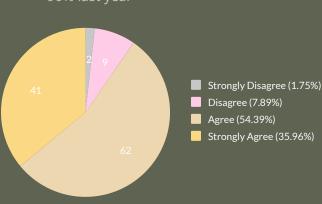
**99%** agree or strongly agree



## **Data-Driven Decisions**

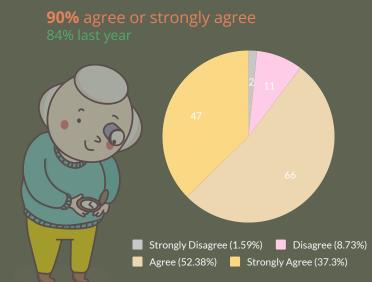
"The committee's decision-making process is data driven."

90% agree or strongly agree 90% last year



# **Addressing Issues Timely**

"The committee addresses issues and makes decisions in a timely manner."



"Members would like to feel the committee contributes to the success of the organization [so] accomplishments could be shared and celebrated to create a supportive culture and boost morale."

> "Data collection and analysis for issues that are presented. Sources such as incident reports, research findings, and M&O work orders pertaining to safety matters can be a start to identifying trends and insights from issues on campus."

Where do committee members say they share the information?

# Discipline Meetings"

Academic Senate

Committee Meetings Monthly Meetings

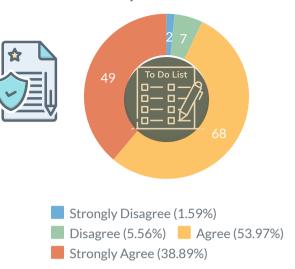
Provide information when asked

# Via Meeting Minutes Other Managers in My Building Other Managers in My Building

Public Comments Meetina

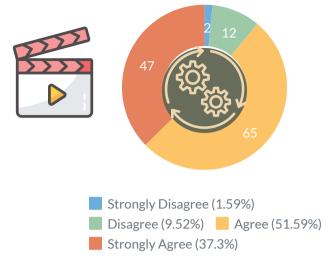
Feedback on sharing out:
"We were able to present at in-service which gave greater context to the work that is done in tech [review] and curriculum."

"The committee follows through with its plans and decisions."



**93%** agree or strongly agree 88% last year

"I feel the decision-making process is effective."



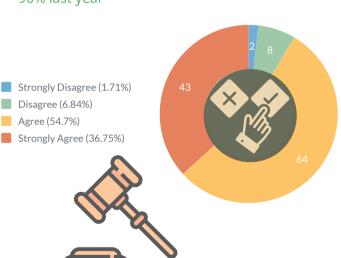
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#### Feedback for Planning and Decision-making

"Encourage members to recommend ways to enhance safety initiatives and processes, act on feedback promptly, and maintain transparency through updates and shared information." "Outline the steps, resources, and milestones required to achieve desired outcomes."

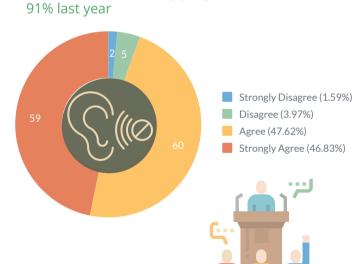
"I feel the decision making process is appropriate for this committee."





"I feel that my individual comments are taken into account during the decision-making process."

### **94%** agree or strongly agree



Committees felt that collaboration with other committees or areas would help improve the decision-making process.

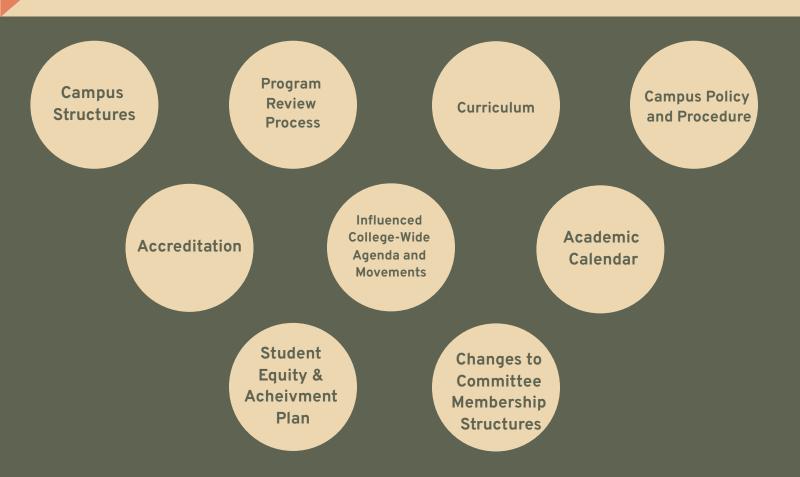
Here is some feedback:

"[Curriculum and tech review] plan to work much closer with academic senate [since we are a subcommittee of that group], we intend to have stronger communication flow between the groups."

The Technology committee would like "Common Goals in cooperation with Distance Education/Data Governance committees, Interchange of data with other... committees, and technology usage areas."

The Calendar Committee "will coordinate with Academic Senate, the Professional Development Committee, and the College Governance Council to develop a Flexible Calendar Program which will provide faculty, staff, and administrators time for participation in professional development activities."

#### **Committees Made Decisions and Recommendations:**



# Committees' Accomplished:



# **Performance Improvement Comments**

Limit the number of agenda items to provide more time to review each

Meet more often and more consistently Movement from discussion to implementation

Move from presentations and information sharing to more member participation and open discussion. Clarify what is expected in report outs from other committees or department areas

Hold members accountable for attendance

More training for committee members

Updated forms and processes

Clear expectations for committee members and what they are responsible for

Set a timeline or plan for yearly goals that is updated regularly

More awareness for how the role of the committee fits within the greater institution More datadriven decisions



# Moving Forward

The anonymous results of the Committee Effectiveness surveys were shared with the Chairs and Co-Chairs of each committee. They were encouraged to discuss the survey results with their committees and have thoughtful discussions during their regular committee meetings about ways their committee can improve moving forward. They were asked to document this discussion and any action-oriented decisions on a feedback form and return it to the Office of Institutional Research. Some feedback from those forms is included throughout the above infographic.



# Survey Results Collected, Compiled and Analyzed by: the Office of Institutional Research

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