

Shared Governance Committee Participation Tips!

- **Before the meeting:**
 - Contact the meeting's coordinator to introduce yourself, seek resources for review and inquire about current issues the committee is facing.
 - Review General Assembly Resolutions & past Student Senate meeting minutes to see if relevant topics have statewide positions.
 - Seek insight from Regions and the appropriate Student Senate Committee about the issues faced in the Shared Governance Committee.
 - Prepare a state-wide perspective, and know it may be different than your own.
- **At the meeting:**
 - Arrive early, and introduce yourself to other participants.
 - Introduce yourself to the coordinator, and identify your affiliation with the Student Senate.
 - Share your informed state-wide opinion. Your voice is very valuable!
 - If something comes up that you are unsure of the Student Senate's opinion, gather information and let everyone know you'll follow up with a position as soon as possible!
 - There is a key difference in speaking on behalf of the SSCCC versus yourself. Your personal experience may not reflect the statewide students' position. For instance, you may not be in favor of community colleges offering baccalaureate degrees, but the Student Senate may be in favor of it.
 - *Take the time to find the right answer! You'll be more respected, and a better public servant!*
- **After the meeting:**
 - Update the Student Senate with a written report.
 - If information is very valuable, submit an Agenda Item Request and do a PowerPoint to present the committees' work. Ask for help from the coordinator and/or liaisons to ensure correct information is shared!
 - Send a thank you note to the coordinator! You're building the Student Senate's brand at all times.
 - Stay current on the emails going out about the committee; this can be very often or very infrequent.
- **Between meetings:**
 - Seek insights from local ASOs, Regions and the Senate's committees to inform your understanding of the statewide perspective.