

Committee for Advocacy for Shared Governance (CASG)

Report for the Apr 14, 2025 Arts and Sciences Senate Meeting

The Committee for Advocacy for Shared Governance (CASG) was formed in 2023. The committee has not been active of late; however, we have laid the groundwork for initial efforts to raise awareness of shared governance. A list of priority actions has been developed for the committee to address moving forward.

Action items:

- Create a brief orientation overview for those new to governance.
- Develop a list of governance accomplishments. First step is to request current Arts and Sciences Senate committee chairs to provide their committee's top achievements from the past five years.
 - Determine best ways to disseminate governance accomplishments to the campus community.
- Develop and distribute a brief survey to the campus community to assess awareness of shared governance. The survey will also invite participants to share their personal definitions of shared governance. Selected definitions will be featured in potentially monthly Campus Announcements posts. Respondents may choose to include their name for acknowledgement or remain anonymous.
- Gather and curate a series of short videos featuring faculty, staff and students sharing what shared governance means to them and why they believe in its importance. Videos will be shared on social media, and posted on the Arts and Sciences Senate website.
 - This initiative may also involve the creation of Arts and Sciences Senate dedicated social media channels.

Next steps:

- Spring 2025: The committee will hold a meeting before the end of the semester to review and finalize the shared governance survey questions. An additional priority for discussion is to identify and nominate a potential new committee chair to take office in Fall 2025.

- Summer 2025: The current committee chairperson will focus on drafting a shared governance orientation overview.
- Fall 2025: The committee will elect a new chairperson. Semester priorities include finalizing and distributing the shared governance survey, beginning to feature shared governance definitions in Campus Announcements, and determining the frequency of these features each semester. Work will also continue on the shared governance orientation overview.
- Spring 2026: The committee will finalize the shared governance orientation overview finalized by mid-semester in preparation for the 2026 election cycle.

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