

SHARED GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Endorsed by the Senate Cabinet and Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Hal Stern in February 2025

Successful universities are marked by close and healthy collaboration between the faculty and administration. This statement affirms the central role of shared governance and asserts that it is the most effective means by which our institution can respond to a continuously changing environment.

The UC Board of Regents, which has “full powers of organization and governance” of the University, empowers the Academic Senate to exercise its powers and duties over academic matters of central importance to the University and thus to participate in shared governance as formalized in [UC Regents Bylaw 40](#) and [Standing Order 105](#).

We understand shared governance to be those processes by which the Academic Senate and the Administration engage on matters that affect the core academic mission and welfare of the University through proactive, deliberative, and impactful consultation. Both the Academic Senate and the Administration shall seek input from each other on matters of significance, provide input through their respective deliberative processes, consider each other’s input carefully, and report back promptly on outcomes and decisions. We acknowledge that while there may be circumstances that mandate an expedited decision-making process, the principle of “no surprises” helps both the Academic Senate and the Administration work collaboratively to plan strategically and to make informed decisions.

To this end, Senate leaders and administrators share responsibility for ensuring that shared governance and consultative processes remain effective and conducive to changing circumstances and needs, and in so doing strive to avoid unnecessary delay, duplication of effort, or blurring of responsibility.