

## POLICY LIT.1.13 SHARED GOVERNANCE

### **SCOPE:** Faculty and Staff

Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) is governed by shared governance. The Texas State University System (TSUS) Board of Regents exercises ultimate authority and responsibility for institutional oversight, financial stewardship, and policy implementation, while allowing for appropriate consultation with faculty, administrators, and other stakeholders on matters related to academic policy and institutional operations. Administrators at LIT must make decisions in a manner that promotes efficiency, accountability, and responsiveness to state priorities, workforce needs, and the institution's mission.

Faculty and staff may provide recommendations on academic matters, but that input is only advisory in nature. The Faculty Senate serves as the official body responsible for ascertaining and relaying the advice and opinions of the faculty to the administration. The Staff Senate serves as the official body responsible for ascertaining and relaying the advice and opinions of the staff to the administration. Standing and ad-hoc committees, whose memberships include faculty and staff members, may be authorized by the President to provide advice and opinion on specific campus community concerns.

**Related Procedures:** LIT.1.13.01 Faculty Senate, LIT.1.13.02 Staff Senate, LIT.1.13.03 Committee Service

### **Relevant Forms/Documents:**

**Relevant TSUS Policies/Forms/Documents:** TSUS Rules and Regulations, Chapter V. Component Employees, Section 4 Faculty, Subsections 4.10-4.13

**Relevant Statutes:** Texas Education Code 51.3523 Shared Governance

**Relevant SACSCOC Standards:** 5.2.a CEO Control, 10.4 Academic Governance

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