

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM

BOARD POLICY No. 2200

Participatory Governance Policy

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Policy

The Board of Regents has authority over and responsibility for policies that assure mission alignment, academic quality, integrity, and effectiveness of student learning programs and services, and the financial stability of the institution as empowered by the Enabling Law (Public Law No. 7-79 and Public Law No. 8-144) of the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia; and in compliance with Accreditation Standards.

In executing this responsibility, the Board of Regents shall ensure appropriate stakeholders have adequate opportunity to participate in the development of recommended policies for Board action and administrative procedures for President (Chief Executive Officer) action. Except in unanticipated emergency situations, the Board shall not take action on matters subject to this policy without appropriate stakeholder participation.

To ensure appropriate stakeholder participation, the College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) shall maintain and regularly assess the effectiveness of a participatory governance system that authorizes administrators, faculty, and staff to participate in the decision-making process. Students shall be encouraged to participate and their viewpoints sought in matters for which they have a direct, reasonable interest.

Participatory governance is the process through which all members of the college community can engage in purposeful dialogue and share in the development of policies, procedures, goals, plans, and recommendations to improve academic quality, curriculum, integrity, student learning programs and services, institutional effectiveness, financial stability, and mission delivery.

Purposeful dialogue is a model of institutional communication characterized by the following: genuinely participatory, multi-directional and ongoing, professional in tone, centered on use of evidence, and focused on achieving published mission and goals.

The President (CEO) has overall authority to implement the *Participatory Governance Policy* for COM-FSM.

See Administrative Procedure 2200