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Overview

Participatory governance is defined as a collaborative effort of administration, faculty, staff, and students for the purpose of providing high quality college programs and services. All members of the campus community are invited to participate in planning for the future and in developing policies, regulations, and recommendations under which the College is governed and administered (see California Education Code (70901(b)(1)(E)). Each year, new and existing members of all participatory governance groups participate in an orientation. [The Fall 2024 Orientation can be found here.](#)

In lieu of a manual, Cañada College has created this website to explain its participatory governance structure, philosophy, and corresponding planning and budgeting processes. Information can be found in the links to the left.

Participatory Governance Bodies

The primary stakeholder groups at Cañada College are **Senates**:

- [Academic Senate](#)
- [Associated Students of Cañada College](#)
- [Classified Senate](#)

Representatives from each of these stakeholder groups come together with college administrators to collaborate in the following participatory governance **Councils**: