

Faculty Shared Governance Council
Meeting Expectations
South Central College,
Mankato and Faribault campuses

The Faculty Shared Governance Council Meeting Expectations are to establish and encourage appropriate behavior that shall be maintained by all individuals attending a Faculty Shared Governance Council meeting. These Expectations are in no way intended to diminish the lively, critical debate which is both necessary and appropriate in an academic institution but are to ensure this debate is both professional and courteous.

1. Meetings shall be respectful places, free of slanderous remarks, insulting or derogatory comments, and threats.
2. Meetings shall be conducted efficiently, starting and ending on time.
3. Members of the council shall come prepared to discuss items on the published agenda. Agenda items added during the meeting may require additional time for consideration and as such, requests to continue the conversation at the following meeting or via post-meeting electronic communication will be accepted.
4. Members of the council shall respect the individual who is speaking. No member shall, by conversation or otherwise, delay or interrupt the speaker.
5. Speakers shall be concise, stay on topic and conduct themselves in a calm, professional manner while addressing the Council.
6. The Council values the strength of diverse input and shall make a strong effort to consider issues from all viewpoints.
7. When disagreements occur, the Council will focus on finding a solution.
8. Members of the Council are to ask clarifying questions if they do not understand the Speaker's statement. The Speaker will clarify in a respectful manner.
9. It is the responsibility of the Chairperson to provide warning if individuals are not abiding by these meeting expectations and then cut off comment or debate that violates these expectations.