



By-laws for the [Faculty](#) Shared Governance Council

Preamble

The Minnesota State ~~Colleges and University~~ system and the Minnesota State College Faculty ([MSCF](#)) recognize that the faculty has a direct interest in college issues including, but not limited to, long and short range planning, priorities in the deployment of financial resources, acquisition and use of existing physical and human resources, institutional self-study, marketing, public relations and recruiting activities. -The parties agree that the [Faculty](#) Shared Governance Council is established to make recommendations to the College on the following topic areas: Personnel, Student Affairs, Facilities, Fiscal Matters and General Matters.

As an integral part of the college community, the [Faculty](#) Shared Governance Council shall actively contribute to the positive growth and success of the College, in the spirit of partnership and team effort.

Article 1 - Name

Section 1:	The name of the organization shall be the Faculty Shared Governance Council or ESGC .
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Article 2 - Purpose

Section 1:	The ESGC shall promote the general welfare of South Central College and its staff.
Section 2:	The ESGC shall encourage participation by the faculty in designing the future of SCC and involve the faculty in the on-going activities of planning and decision-making in the college through committees, departments or other appropriate venues.
Section 3:	The ESGC , through motions appropriately passed, shall make recommendations to the administration on matters affecting the conduct, welfare and growth of the faculty specifically and the college in general. Such motions will be officially conveyed to the administration via official minutes.
Section 4:	The ESGC may recommend representatives from the faculty to serve on appropriate college-wide standing committees and any other committees deemed necessary by the college governance structure and not otherwise defined by the 2005-2007 Master Agreement between MSCF and MnSCUMinnesota State .
Section 5:	Nothing in these by-laws may pre-empt or replace Article 8 of the 2005-2007 Master Agreement between MSCF and MnSCUMinnesota State .

Article 3 - Membership

Section 1:	The membership shall consist of the MSCF chapter leadership teams, and at least one representative from each division selected from MSCF members in good standing. The number of members shall be decided by the MSCF chapter. Membership shall follow Article 8, Section 1, Subd. 2 of the 2005-2007 Master Agreement between MSCF and MaSCU-Minnesota State .
Section 2:	The college president, or his designee, shall serve as a non-voting administrative liaison to the Council and may appoint up to three non-voting administrators as participants in the council.

Article 4 - Officers

Section 1:	The co-MSCF chapter presidents or their designee will preside over ESGC meetings.
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Article 5 - Meetings

Section 1:	Regular monthly meetings will be scheduled by the ESGC at the beginning of each semester.
Section 2:	A quorum is required to conduct official business. A quorum is defined as 50% or more of official members of the Council
Section 3:	Meeting place to be determined by the Council.
Section 4:	At the request of faculty, the Council shall also meet in the summer.
Section 5:	Special meetings may be called by the ESGC President(s).
Section 6:	Meetings of the ESGC shall be open to all faculty members.
Section 7:	Members shall abide by the ESGC Code of Conduct .
Section 8:	Robert's Rules of Order will govern meeting procedure.

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Article 6 - Agenda

Section 1:	Agenda items may be submitted by any council member.
Section 2:	Tentative agendas will be available one week prior to each meeting.
Section 3:	Agendas may be amended and must be adopted at the beginning of each meeting.

Article 7 - Amendments

Section 1:	Any amendment to these by-laws may be passed by a super-majority (60%) of ESGC members.
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Article 8 - Subcommittees

Section 1:	<u>As the need for special subcommittees arises, such subcommittees may be appointed by the Chair. Subcommittees shall report regularly to the Council. A subcommittee will automatically be discharged upon accomplishing the task(s) for which it was established.</u>
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