

## **STANDARD IV : LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE A DECISION-MAKING ROLES AND PROCESSES**

Woodland Community College has established effective shared governance and works to engage the college's constituencies in decision-making. This occurs through both institutional practice – committee structures, timelines, sequences of analysis and review, constituent representation, shared leadership of all committees and processes – and institutional culture. Decisions are transparent, information is broadly shared and readily available to all, and leadership in all groups is supported and

encouraged. Furthermore, the college's leadership seeks broad understanding of college issues, including the budget, and uses multiple methods of dialogue and engaging with the college. These include College Council reports, regular public meetings of all committees and online communication. The integrity of shared governance at Woodland Community College is such that there is not a sense of governance as an abstraction but a daily reality.

### **STANDARD IVB: BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION**

The Yuba Community College District Board of Trustees works cohesively to ensure the financial and institutional integrity of the district. The board has established comprehensive policies regarding all aspects of district operations, and has appropriately delegated authority to the district chancellor, and through him to the college presidents, for the operation of the two colleges. The board approves the policies and administrative practices by which the colleges are governed, and reviews and approves the district budget. The Chancellor works through board policy to ensure both fiscal and programmatic integrity, and district staff provide critical leadership and efficiency in the areas of human resources, finance, and technology. The College President is responsible for the

operational work of the college and its institutional effectiveness. She delegates appropriate authority to her administrative team, who lead their respective administrative areas yet work across formal lines delineating college programs to facilitate effective collaboration in operations and shared governance. Woodland Community College is one of two distinct colleges in a unified district. Both policy and administrative practices ensure that the colleges work collaboratively, yet maintain their unique cultures and distinctive student learning offerings.