# PNWU Statement on Shared Governance

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PNWU is committed to shared governance and the inclusion of faculty, staff, and students in university operations, representative bodies, including committees, policy and procedure making, and communications.

Shared governance is the process by which University faculty, staff, administrators, and students collectively influence policies, procedures, operational decisions, and communications. Shared governance incorporates values, culture, management, administration, and operating frameworks, and it significantly impacts how PNWU is portrayed to and perceived by external communities and entities.

Shared governance aligns stakeholders on issues of institutional direction by developing common understandings of the challenges and opportunities the institution faces and recognizes staff, students, and faculty members as stakeholders of the University community whose input and ongoing collaboration are critical for program growth and operational sustainability. Shared governance aims to foster relationships that expand cooperation and leadership opportunities while facilitating judicious yet creative University governance, participation by faculty, staff, administrators, and students in the University and its academic programs, and gives voice to the interests and issues of the PNWU community.