Building upon a foundation of good faith, Columbus State University's shared governance model inculcates a value system which fosters collaboration and collegiality based upon trust and respect among all parties represented here. Through inclusive dialogue and transparent processes, this plan empowers all of the university's constituents to act in the best interest of the students, faculty, staff and administration while setting distinct lines of accountability and measuring mutually agreed-upon standards of progress. This approach requires a process that allows the constituents due time to deliberate and respond to proposals: the goal of this model of shared governance is to guide the institution effectively and in accordance with Board of Regents policies and the CSU By-laws.

- The Three Models:
  - The CSU draft/Georgia
    - Think of this as taking the Faculty Senate and elevating it to be more of a university wide governing body.
      - To accomplish this, staff and administrators would need to be added to make the body representative of the whole university.
      - Has the consequence that there would be no body that deal only with faculty issues.
  - Kennesaw
    - Think of adding a University Council to improve communication between our existing organizations (Fac Senate, Staff Council, SGA)
  - Virginia State
    - Think of adding a University Council above our existing organizations (Fac Senate, Staff Council, SGA)

The task force prefers something along the lines of the Kennesaw or Virginia State models.
- The big difference between these is that in the Virginia State model the University Council makes policy recommendations, whereas on the Kennesaw model the University Council facilitates communication between the Senates.
Composition of UC
- President +3 vps
- Chair & vice Chair Fac Sen + 4 at large faculty
- Staff council rep and 1 at large staff
- 1 undergrad & 1 grad student
- 2 designated at large reps
- 1 Dean/program director
- 1 Dept chair
- 1 research & Extention specialist
- 3 VSU community at large reps
- 1 non voting tech rep
- 1 non voting Alumni
- 1 non voting Community advisory board
Kennesaw State University

Composition of UC (12 members?)
- President and vice President of each Senate
- 1 Chairs’ council rep
- 1 Deans’ council rep
- 1 President’s cabinet rep?
- University President

Faculty Senate (Fac Sen)
Staff Senate (Staff Sen)
Administrative Senate (Admin Sen)
Student Government Association (SGA)

University Council
- Faculty Senate President presides
- Determines who makes recommendations
- Doesn’t vote on policy recommendations
- Tries to facilitate consensus
US Composition (GCSU U Senate bylaws) (50 members)
- University President (ex officio)
- 37 faculty members
- 4 staff
- 2 students
- 5 Presidential appointees

CSU draft (48)
- University President
- VPAA
- VPBF
- VP student affairs
- Chair of Chairs
- Chair of Staff Council
- Pres Student Government
- 5 Presidential appointees
- 36 faculty