Educational Advisory Council Recommendation

Subject: revision of S705: Student Membership on College Committees

Relevant EAC Standing committee:

☐ Academic Policies & Standards Committee (APS)  ☑ Curriculum Committee (CC)
☐ Degrees and Certificates Committee (DAC)  ☐ Membership Committee (MC)
☐ Student Development Committee (SDC)

Brief summary of recommendation:

The proposed revision makes the following significant changes to the current policy:

- The phrase "PCC’s mission to recruit and retain students” is updated to “the College’s retention and completion goals.”
- The term “committees” is changed to “entities” and examples are provided. This was to encourage a wide range of decision-making bodies to include student representatives, not only those groups with “committee” in their title.
- A specific District Student Council position is identified to ease the request process.
- The phrase “...which impact the entire district” was added to demonstrate that this policy does not impact campus-specific entities.
- The sentence, “Their level of participation is pursuant to the entity’s governing rules” was added to address the EAC’s concern about conflicts between this policy and various committee membership requirements.

Signatures below represent the support and/or approval of this recommendation; the signature of a committee chair represents the support of the respective committee.

Chair of relevant EAC standing committee

Educational Advisory Council Chair

Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

Portland Community College President

Date

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Academic Policies and Standards

Policy/Standard Name: Student Membership on College Committees  
Policy/Standard Identifier: S705  
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Units responsible for review and update: Student Development Committee  
Approval:  
Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs  
Date of Final Approval: TBD  
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Prior Versions: yes

Student Membership on College Committees

Portland Community College's academic and student affairs policies have a significant impact on students' experiences at PCC, and are crucial to the College's retention and completion goals. In order to provide the administration, faculty, and staff with their viewpoint, it is important for students to contribute to policy making. In addition to providing important input for the College, participation in the policy-making process provides students with invaluable learning experiences.

Therefore, the student body has the right to representation on Portland Community College entities that recommend, formulate, or review academic or student affairs policies which impact the entire district. Their level of participation is pursuant to the entity's governing rules. College committees, councils, taskforces, and other work groups addressing such policies shall contact the District Student Council Chair to request student representation.