Explanation of Participatory/Shared Governance

In an effort to demonstrate inclusivity and sensitivity to institutional history, the authors of Standard IV use the phrase “participatory/shared governance” to fulfill the spirit and the letter of Assembly Bill (AB) 1725. Some campus leaders have preferred the phrase “shared governance,” while others have preferred “participatory governance.” Why one term is preferred to another extends beyond the scope of this self-study. What is important to keep in mind is that leaders from all constituency groups at Rio Hondo College have reached an agreement that using the combination “participatory/shared governance” is the best way to refer to the style of governance embraced on campus.