

Kalamazoo College Community Council Committee Description, 2012

Promoting a sense of community and communication across the campus.

The Community Council will provide a forum in which all the segments of the College community -- administration, faculty, staff (administrative staff, support staff, and facilities management staff) and students -- will have an opportunity to participate together in discussions dealing with many issues facing the College. This will permit interests and perspectives of all groups in the College setting to be heard in the process of the creation of College policy.

The Community Council will consider policies and issues in a wide range of areas pertaining to the life of the College in which students, faculty, and/or staff share concerns. The Community Council's role will be advisory to the President in the formulation of College policy. Examples of areas in which the Community Council can advise the President might include, but need not necessarily be limited to, the following: budgetary guidelines, benefits programs, campus planning, strategic planning, technology planning issues, and the like.

An important dimension of the Council's role will be as a communication linkage conduit, providing a forum for the College's administrative officers to report to representatives of all areas of the Community on important issues in their respective areas of responsibility, thereby increasing the understanding of all constituencies in the College about why College policy is as it is. Thus a significant portion of each meeting of the Community Council will involve reports from the line officers to the Council's membership about decisions and policy recommendations being formulated in their offices.

The Council does not supersede faculty governance structures.