

Palomar College
Definitions of Governance Structure

Council – A group of constituency representatives designated or selected to act in an advisory capacity that meets on a regular basis. The charge of a council entails college-wide issues and reports directly to the Strategic Planning Council (SPC).

Operational Committee – A standing committee of constituency representatives intended to consider all matters pertaining to procedural issues as defined by its role. An operational committee is part of the governance structure.

Subcommittee – A permanent sub group convened by a standing committee or council designated to consider specific subjects in detail for recommendations back to the standing committee or council. The chair must be a member of the committee or council to which it reports. Other members need not be members of the committee to which it reports but may be appointed by the appropriate constituent group(s) as defined by the subcommittee membership.

Ad Hoc Committee – A working group or sub-group created by a council or operational committee to address and make recommendations on a particular subject. The members need not be from a council or committee.

Task Force – A constituency-represented group specifically convened by and reporting to SPC or to the Superintendent/President to address a special college-wide subject/issue and meets until the subject/issue is resolved.

Not part of the Governance Structure

Advisory Committee – A group created to provide direction and/or input in compliance with state and federal regulations or other external mandates. Not part of the governance structure but may bring items to SPC as information only. Membership may be defined by state and federal regulations or external mandates and may be appointed by the appropriate constituent group(s).