The Participatory Governance system defines clear roles and responsibilities, with explicit authority given to appropriate positions. It plays an advisory role in decision making toward school policy in which recommendations are made in a timely manner and is representative of all students, faculty, administrators and staff. Meetings are open to the public; it is the intention to maintain a transparent process for all those who wish to be informed. Students are especially encouraged to serve on participatory governance committees, to make their voices heard, and to contribute to the betterment of the community as a whole. Term limits while not universal, are honored along with an appointment process, which guarantees the opportunity for new leadership.

Committee Chairs are responsible for ensuring that meetings are conducted in an efficient manner, that agendas drive committee business forward, are distributed prior to each meeting and that minutes of each meeting are available to all attendees and the public in a timely manner. The Committee Chair may allow additional input from constituents at his or her own discretion while ensuring that it does not override committee business. It is the chair’s duty to remain impartial and make sure all opinions are accounted for without showing any bias on their own behalf. At the end of each semester it is the committee chair’s responsibility to make sure that a self-evaluation is conducted so further improvements toward the overall committee can be made.