

Review of Senate Structures at Peer Institutions

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Summary of Work

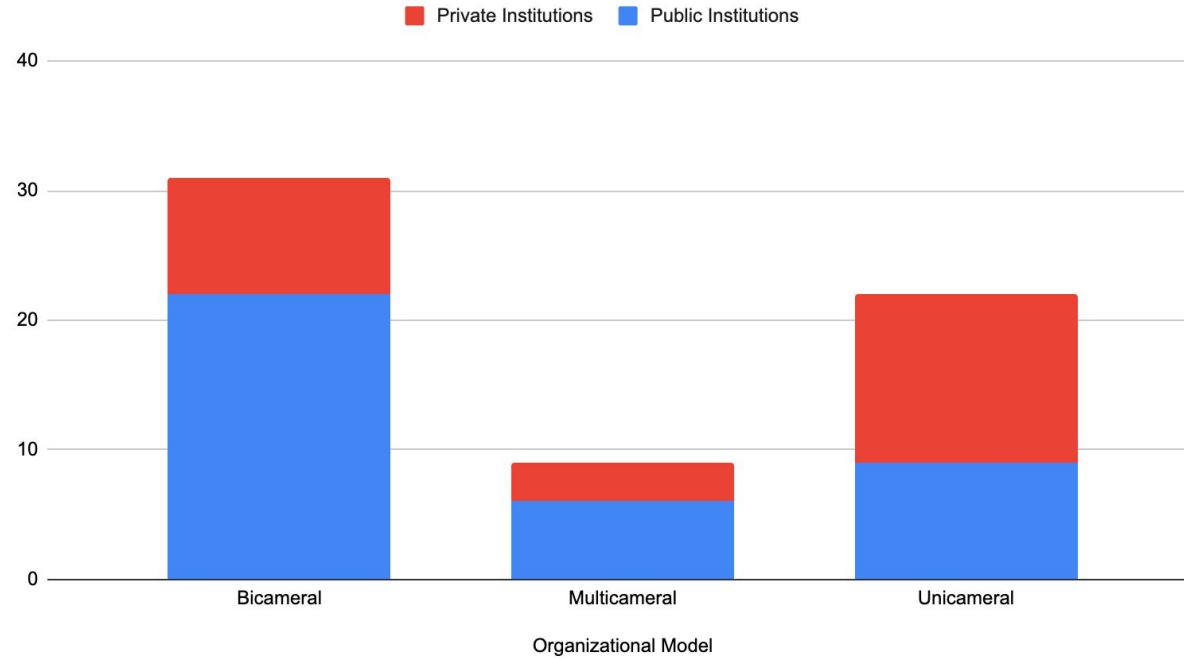
- The following data were collected from websites across AAU institutions and SUNY University Centers:
 - The organizational structure of university-wide shared governance bodies (unicameral, bicameral, or multicameral)
 - The constituents within each structure
 - Standing committees
 - Governing documents
- Only public-facing information was reviewed

Organizational Model Examples

Unicameral	Bicameral	Multicameral
University Senate OR Faculty Senate	Faculty Senate and Staff Senate	University Senate, Faculty Senate, and Staff Senate

Findings

Organizational Models



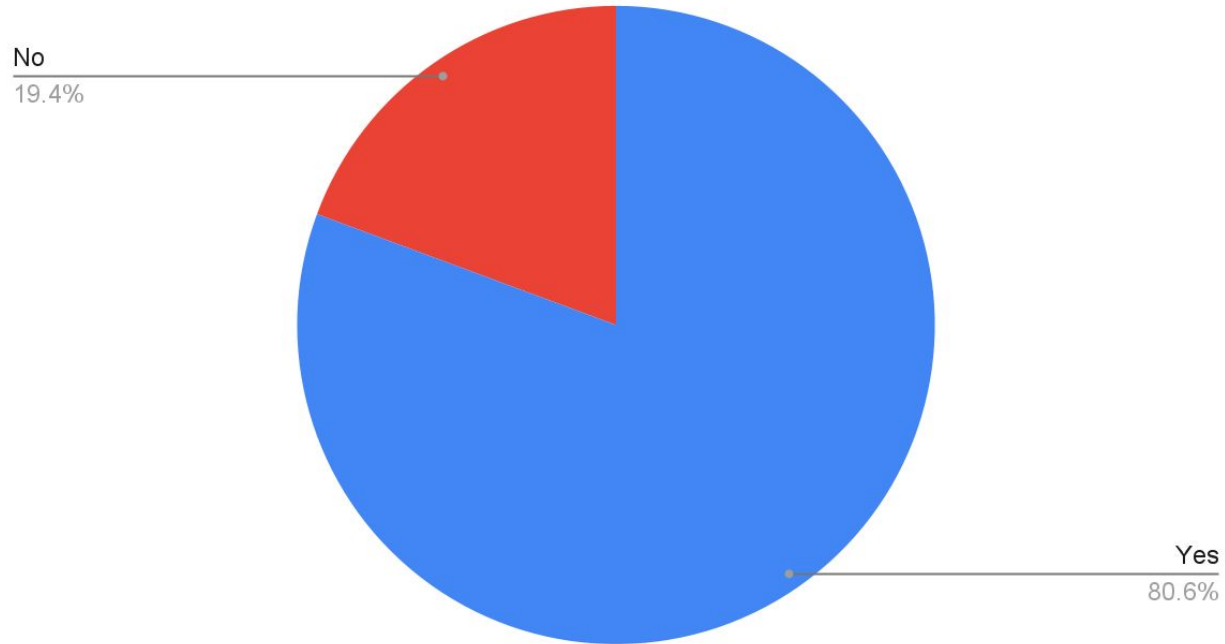
59%

**of public
institutions
reviewed have a
bicameral model**

52%

**of private
institutions
reviewed have a
unicameral model**

Staff Representation in at Least One Shared Governance Body



Note: All institutions with bicameral and multicameral models had some form of staff representation.

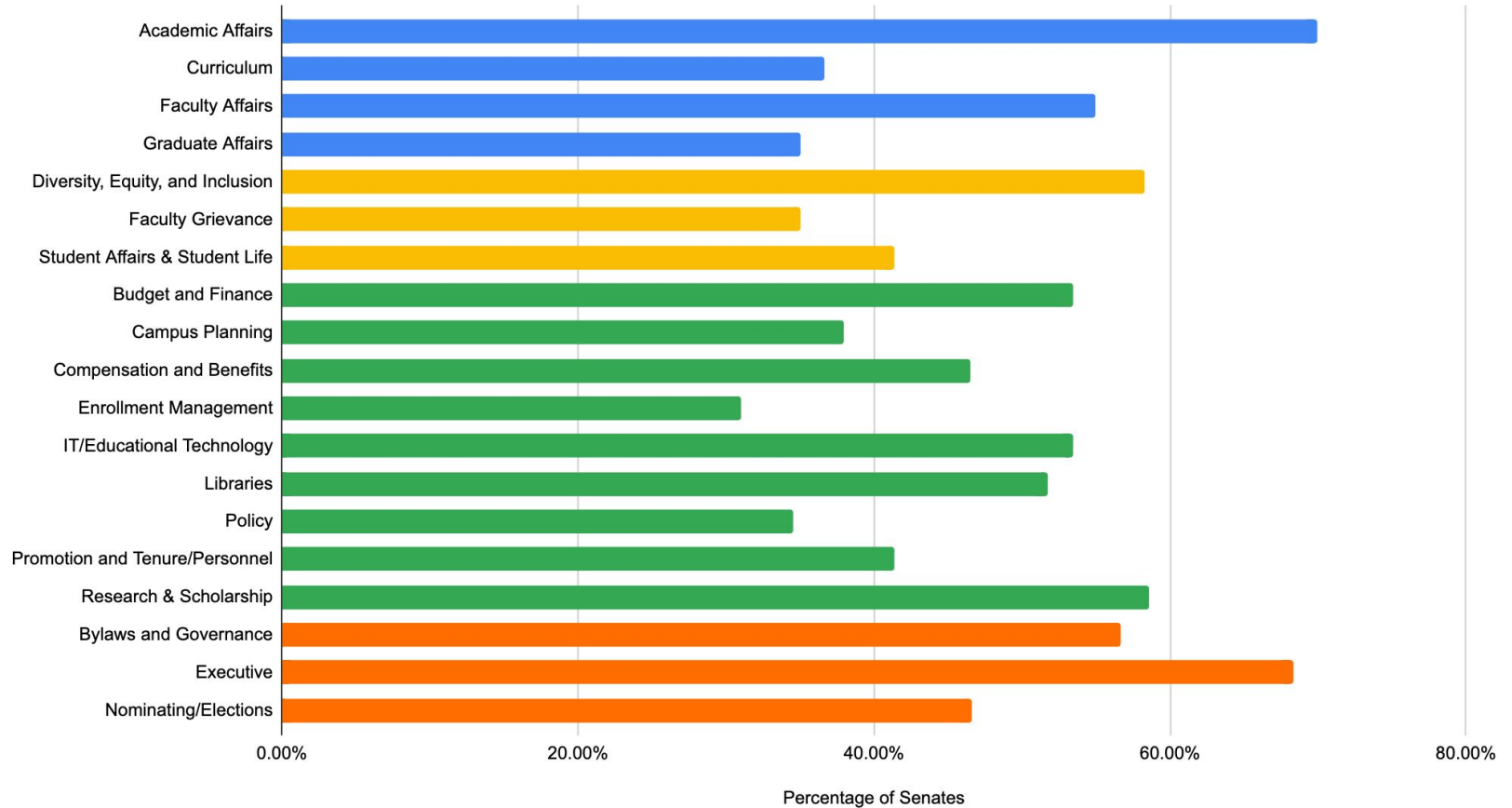
Common Standing Committees

Academic Affairs	Academic Freedom	Administrator Review	Bylaws and Governance
Assessment	Academic Integrity	Budget and Finance	Executive
Curriculum	Athletics	Campus Planning	Nominating/Elections
Faculty Affairs	Awards and Recognition	Compensation and Benefits	
Graduate Affairs	Campus Culture and Wellness	Enrollment Management	
Undergraduate Affairs	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	IT/Educational Technology	
	Environment/Sustainability	Libraries	
	Faculty Grievance	Policy	
	Student Affairs & Student Life	Promotion and Tenure/Personnel	
	Student Appeals/Community Standards	Research & Scholarship	

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Most Common Standing Committees (University and Faculty Senates Only)



Conclusion