Consonant with the mission, vision and goals of the CSCU System, the Board of Regents (BOR) and the Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) recognize the importance of administration, faculty, staff, and student cooperation in contributing to the advancement of shared governance in the CSCU institutions. Shared governance is defined as communication, collaboration, and mutual accountability between administration, faculty, staff, and students which advances excellence in the operation of CSCU institutions. This is in the spirit of the 1966 Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities, which was jointly formulated by the American Association of University Professors, the American Council on Education, and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges.

In support of the above purpose, CSCU is establishing the Shared Governance Award as an annual recognition of an individual CSCU college or university’s outstanding contribution to CSCU shared governance, the dual advancement of the mission and goals of the individual institution, and the mission, vision, and goals of the Connecticut BOR. The award is jointly conferred by the FAC and by the BOR. The award will begin in the 2016-2017 academic year with the first award presented in the Spring of 2017.