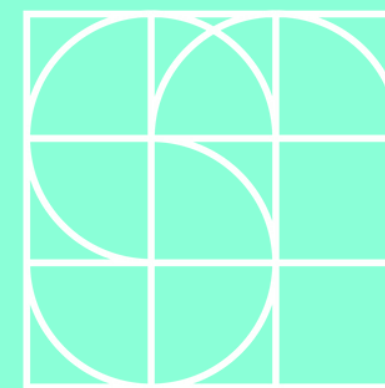


We Need You



The Open
College of
the Arts

— part of The Open University —



OCASA

We are in search of Student Representatives for OCA
Governance Groups.

You may ask;

“So what exactly is Governance and
what will I be signing up for?”

Organisational Governance refers to the infrastructure of systems, processes and procedures by which an organisation is directed, controlled and held to account for its actions and decision making.

Good Organisational Governance provides a framework that ensures decisions are made effectively, ethically, and in the best interests of all stakeholders.

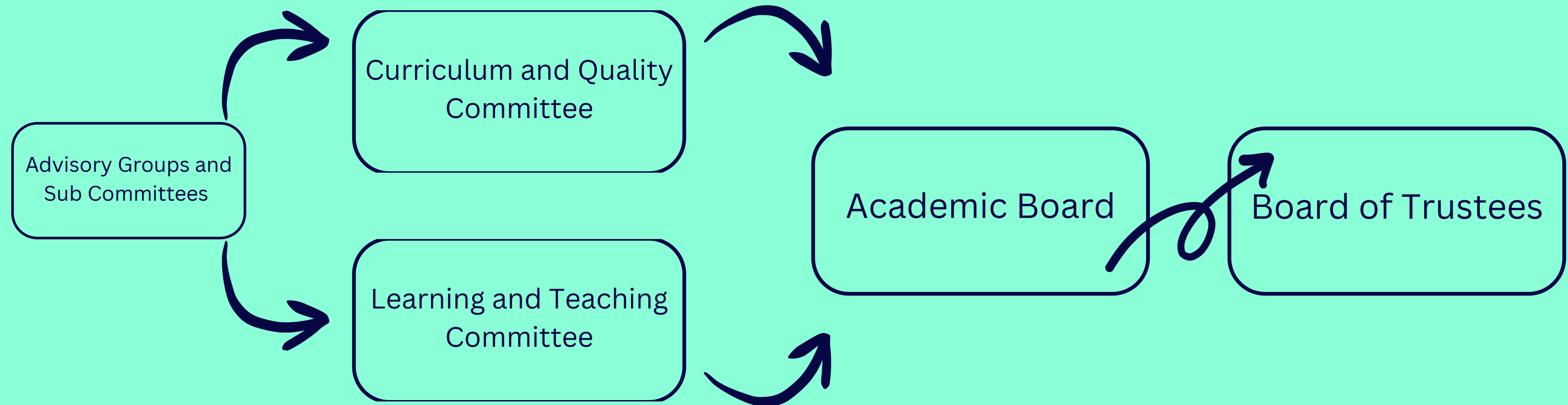
Effective governance should aim to ensure transparency, accountability, and fairness in how an organisation develops strategies, makes decisions, implements change and operates effectively.

Put simply;

Organisational governance is like the structure, blueprint, and ethics of a master art studio—it ensures the artist (**leaders**) follows clear, fair processes to create and deliver a high-quality, valuable piece of art (**the company's purpose**) to the patrons (**stakeholders**).

In the academic year 24/25 OCA carried out a Governance review, to clarify the role and increase understanding and confidence in the deliberative structure, and the decision making and ongoing development of OCA. Part of this was about broadening representation across all levels of the deliberative structure. **This is where you come in!**

The revised structure looks like this:



And we need students, like you, to be members of these groups.

The **Curriculum and Quality Committee** (CQC) is responsible for ensuring the high quality and effective development of the institution's academic programmes. Its main function is to manage and approve changes to courses, curriculum strategies, and new academic units

The **Learning and Teaching Committee** (LTC) serves primarily as an advisory and consultative group dedicated to enhancing the quality of the student learning experience. Its key function is to develop and recommend proposals to the Academic Board on matters such as curriculum enrichment, pedagogical approaches, and the implementation of assessment strategies.

The **Academic Board** (AB) serves as the institution's highest academic authority, responsible for the final approval of major academic decisions. Its core functions include scrutinizing proposals related to the institution's overall approach to scholarly activity, granting final approval for all policies, and overseeing the withdrawal of qualifications. It approves the procedures for Exam Boards and the nomination/termination of external examiners, and plays a crucial role in monitoring and ensuring the institution meets its equality objectives and policies to actively address areas of inequality.

The **Board of Trustees** acts as the highest governing body for the OCA. Their main function is to provide strategic leadership and ultimate oversight to ensure the college fulfils its purpose. They hold the final legal and financial responsibility for the institution, setting its long-term strategy, approving major policies, overseeing executive management, and ensuring OCA complies with charity law and is managed ethically and responsibly for the benefit of its students.

About You

As a Volunteer Student Representative you are the voice of your peers. Your role is to listen, gather feedback, and represent the diverse experiences and perspectives of the entire student body at committee level. Your primary purpose is to advocate for improvements to the student experience, from academic support and resources to well-being and community. **We will support you to be able to do this.**

We will share the institutional calendar with you and ask for your availability. Upon being elected, selected or appointed as a Volunteer with OCA and OCASA we ask that students create a copy and sign our Volunteer Agreement.

Thank You!