

## **It's Not Just Politics: The Importance of Establishing Strong Relationships**

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More often than not, being an effective senate leader is inextricably connected with the status of our relationships with CEOs, CIOs, union leaders, and board members, as well as other individuals and groups. Keeping these relationships cooperative and collegial ensures the effectiveness of the senate in representing faculty and makes the work of college leaders much more enjoyable. Join us for a panel discussion with experienced leaders from other constituencies as we discuss ways to engage in and sustain collaborative relationships to make life easier and support the work of the senate.

### **Panel Discussion Questions**

1. Provide a brief description of your background as a leader in the California Community College system.
2. What was the best relationship you had with a faculty leader if you are an administrator or an administrator if you are faculty and what were the characteristics of the relationship that made it beneficial for both of you?
3. Describe a project on which you collaborated with a Senate/Administrator which began in controversy and ended with compromise. What were the challenges and how were they overcome?
4. If you could change one thing about how faculty and administration interact, what would it be?
5. From the perspective of your current position, what piece of advice would you give to a new senate leader?