**Shared Governance**

The Faculty and Governing Faculty (note in Bylaws Sections IB & IC distinction between these 2 terms) exercise three categories of authority and responsibility with the Dean and other SON administrators. These levels are:

1. **Decision-making**: Decisions are made by the Governing Faculty and forwarded to the Dean and other administrators.
2. **Collaborative**: Faculty actively participate in the decision-making process with administration.
3. **Advisory**: Faculty are invited to provide comment and opinion prior to decisions being made by the Dean and other administrators.

The Governing Faculty has an individual and collective responsibility to contribute to the work of the SON through active citizenship in shared governance with the Dean and other administrators. (Faculty Bylaws, Article 1)

*Ex-Officio members support the connection and communication with administration.*