MiraCosta's College Council, through established committees with representation from faculty, administration, classified staff, and students, will review and recommend planning decisions related to educational, human, physical, technology, and financial resources through a broad-based, comprehensive, systematic, and integrated planning process.

The institutional planning process will be guided by adopted mission, vision, values, commitments, and goal statements, and will result in the development of evidence-based, long-term goals and specific strategies that have measurable outcomes to promote accountability. Data-driven college-level plans, along with regular program-review and action planning processes for all programs and services shall provide the basis for institutional decision making. College-level plans will be reviewed and revised annually and approved through the identified college process. The planning processes will inform and complement the resource allocation process.

The College Council will assure the effectiveness of its ongoing planning processes by systematically reviewing, evaluating, and modifying as appropriate, all parts of the planning cycle.

The Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) will serve in an advisory capacity on the integration, development, and evaluation of institutional plans and budget planning priorities.

The board will assist in developing the general institutional mission and goals for the comprehensive plans through a variety of means, including, but not limited to, the superintendent/president's evaluation process, board priorities and budget goals, and annual board evaluation and planning workshops.