

Remarks made by Georgia Van Dam at Nov. 18, 2015 Board meeting:

A college is like a three-legged stool: one leg is the Board and administration, one leg is faculty, and the third leg is classified staff. All three legs are needed for the stool to furnish a level educational platform for students.

If one leg gets "too big for its britches" and starts getting taller and fatter, the stool will tilt and the students will slide off.

All three legs must work together. They must talk to each other and listen to each other, ask questions and give answers. It's called "shared governance."

New set of remarks at June 29, 2017 Board meeting.

Please accept this three-legged stool as a reminder that shared governance is the way we keep in touch with each other.

The three legs are all essential to the operation of the College. We need to keep talking to each other and responding to each other. We stumble when we make plans without considering the other two legs --causing resentment and grief.

Let's keep the stool balanced; let's keep talking AND listening to each other. Every one of us has this responsibility.