Each of the four CSUS universities has a President who reports to the BoT. By long-standing tradition reinforced by the Trustees' Personnel Policies for Management and Confidential Professional Personnel and other Trustees' policies, the President is delegated the requisite authority to manage the institution and to develop internal policies to further this objective. In exercising his/her authority, the President is required by the University Faculty Senate Constitution to consult with the Senate and to respond to its legislative enactments, and is further required by the collective bargaining agreements to consult with the teaching faculty and administrative faculty unions. The President also consults with the Executive Committee, consisting of senior managers, and with the Student Advisory Committee. Acting through the Student Affairs staff, the President maintains close liaison with the Student Government Association. More detailed information about the administration, organization and governance of CCSU can be found in this Handbook.

CCSU has a well-established system of organization and governance that facilitates and supports the accomplishment of its mission. Instruction, scholarship, and public service are conducted under the auspices of four academic schools and a school of graduate studies, each headed by a Dean. Faculty and professional staff are represented in the Faculty Senate for University governance matters and by unions—the AAUP for teaching faculty, librarians, counselors, and coaches, SUOAF-AFSCME for administrative faculty—for collective bargaining purposes.