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Participatory Governance and Institutional Decision-Making

Rajamangala University of Technology Srivijaya (RUTS) operates under a governance framework established by the Rajamangala University of Technology Act, B.E. 2548 (2005). Section 15 provides for a University Council comprising a Council President appointed by Royal Command, ex-officio members including the University President and the Chair of the Faculty and Staff Council, and other members as prescribed by law. In 2025, Professor Emeritus Dr. Piemsak Menasveta was appointed President of the RUTS Council. This statutory structure provides a formal mechanism for institutional oversight, policy development, and university-level decision-making, incorporating representation from academic personnel and other designated stakeholders.







Student participation is supported through the university's elected student representative system. For the 2025 academic year, RUTS announced the official election results for the President of the Student Organisation. The student representative structure includes participation from different faculties and colleges, providing opportunities for students to contribute to the organisation of student activities, the representation of student interests, and the management of student affairs.

Institutional governance is further strengthened through policy review and administrative development. From 30 October to 1 November 2025, President Professor Dr. Suwat Thanyaros and the university's executive leadership participated in a policy seminar in Krabi Province. The programme provided opportunities to exchange academic and administrative perspectives, review university regulations, and discuss approaches to improving organisational efficiency and responsiveness. These activities form part of the university's efforts to maintain an institutional management framework that responds to changing educational and administrative requirements.

Institutional Integrity and Anti-Corruption

RUTS promotes ethical conduct, transparency, and accountability through institutional policies addressing corruption prevention and conflicts of interest. The university published its No Gift Policy for Fiscal Year 2025 on its official website, communicating its commitment to preventing corruption and misconduct in the performance of official duties.

The policy requires university administrators and personnel to refrain from accepting gifts or rewards associated with their official responsibilities, including before, during, and after performing those duties. It also seeks to prevent situations in which personal interests may conflict with the public interest, reinforcing standards of impartiality and ethical conduct among university personnel.

By making the No Gift Policy publicly accessible, RUTS communicates its institutional expectations regarding integrity and responsible public administration. The policy provides a formal basis for discouraging inappropriate benefits and promoting transparent decision-making in university operations.



Financial Transparency and Accountability

RUTS supports institutional financial transparency through the public disclosure of financial information and audit documentation. For Fiscal Year 2025, the university made its financial audit report available through its official finance website (https://finance.rmutsv.ac.th/ruts/financial-statement-audit-report/), providing stakeholders with access to documentation concerning the university's financial management.

The publication of financial audit information supports public accountability by allowing interested parties to examine officially reported financial information. It also provides a documentary basis for institutional oversight and the review of financial administration within the university's governance framework.

Collaboration for Evidence-Based Policy and Regional Development

RUTS collaborates with national research organisations, government agencies, and regional partners to strengthen the application of academic research and innovation to public policy and community development. Since Fiscal Year 2020, the university has worked with the Program Management Unit for Area-based Development (PMU-A) on initiatives involving innovative communities, local enterprises, and the application of appropriate technologies across seven southern provinces: Songkhla, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Trang, Krabi, Phatthalung, Satun, and Pattani.

The collaboration focuses on four development areas: tourism, agriculture, natural resources and the environment, and the Andaman Smart City initiative. Activities seek to connect university research with the needs of households, local entrepreneurs, communities, and local administrative areas. Reported achievements include the establishment of 30 innovative villages across 20 subdistricts in seven provinces, demonstrating the geographical reach of the university's area-based research and development activities.



The university also participates in national initiatives that connect research outcomes with policy priorities and practical applications. In 2025, RUTS participated in the second “RU CONNEXT: Bridging Thai Research to Real-World Application (Southern Region)” event, organised by Thailand Science Research and Innovation (TSRI) under the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation. The programme brought together TSRI executives, representatives of Program Management Units, university administrators, and researchers to review research outcomes developed under the national Science, Research, and Innovation Plan.

Discussions focused on identifying high-potential research and innovation projects and exploring approaches to their practical application in economic, social, regional, and policy contexts. Through participation in these national and regional cooperation mechanisms, RUTS contributes academic expertise and research findings to discussions on development priorities, technology application, and the wider use of publicly supported research.









