

Task Force on Shared Governance
January 23, 2014, 3:15 pm, Room 408 Manderino Library

APPROVED MINUTES

The Task Force on Shared Governance met on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 3:15 pm in Room 408, Manderino Library.

The following were in attendance:

Dr. Steven Whitehead (designee for Dr. Bruce Barnhart), Mr. Brendon Demmy, Ms. Kelsey Denardo, Dr. Stan Komacek, Dr. Craig Smith, Mr. Robert Thorn, Mr. Don Verney, Ms. Sheleta Webb, Dr. Tom Wickam and Dr. Mohamed Yamba

The minutes from the December 10, 2013 were presented. Minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

The Task Force Website site it up – you can visit the website at:

<http://www.calu.edu/about-us/shared-governance/>.

The following statement was presented as a definition of shared governance:

California University believes decisions affecting university constituencies should be reached through mutually supportive and respectful dialogue. University authorities have a responsibility to inform affected constituencies and consult with them regarding decisions. Affected constituencies should have the opportunity to influence decision making through recommendation and retain the right to receive a reply to a recommendation.

The shared governance model at Cal U gives a “voice” in decision making to all constituent groups affected by a decision. This “voice” involves participation in the decision making process – not the final authority of deciding. The decision making process includes seeking input from affected constituent groups through open and timely communication before final decisions are reached.

A discussion was held regarding the definition of shared governance and the following amended definition was proposed:

California University believes decisions affecting university constituencies will be based upon mutually supportive and respectful dialogue. University authorities have a responsibility to inform potentially affected constituencies and consult with them regarding decisions. Constituencies have the opportunity to influence decision making through proposals or recommendations and retain the right to receive a reply.

The shared governance model at Cal U gives a “voice” in decision making to all constituent groups potentially affected by a decision. This “voice” involves participation in the decision making process by all and recognizes administrators’ authority to make the final decision. The decision making process includes

seeking input from constituent groups through open and timely communication before final decisions are reached.

The amended definition was approved by a unanimous vote. The amended definition will be posted on the shared governance website and an announcement will be sent out to the university community for feedback in a two-week timeframe.

Kelsey Denardo continues to collect data for the comprehensive chart of the current system; she will share this information with the task force for review and revision before our next meeting.

There was consensus the Task Force should investigate shared government systems at other similar schools.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.