

Task Force on Shared Governance
February 27, 2014, 3:15 pm, Room 408 Manderino Library

APPROVED MINUTES

The Task Force on Shared Governance met on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 3:15 pm in Room 408, Manderino Library.

The following were in attendance:

Dr. Carol Bocetti, Mr. Brendon Demmy (left at 3:40 pm), Ms. Kelsey Denardo (left at 3:40 pm), Dr. Stan Komacek (left at 4:00 pm), Dr. Michael Slavin (arrived at 3:55pm), Dr. Craig Smith, Mr. Robert Thorn (left at 4:30 pm), and Dr. Tom Wickham.

The minutes from the January 23, 2014 were presented. Minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Carol Bocetti was welcomed as a new member, replacing Dr. Sean Madden.

Final Definition of Shared Governance

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.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed and posted definition of shared governance. The definition was approved as a ‘working definition’; the definition will be finalization with the final report.

A discussion was held regarding the procedures the committee should follow; and it was agreed that the task force would not be bound by formal rules, but rather operate as a ‘think tank’ for generating ideas.

A discussion was held regarding the timeline remaining to fulfill the president’s charges, and it was agreed that the meetings should be held more frequently as opposed to once a month.

Google Docs

Dr. Smith shared copies of the Google Document listing potential campus “voices” for review; he also provided copies of an outline of the former university Forum, listing its powers,

authority, composition, and standing committees as a basis for comparison. A discussion was held regarding the review of the handouts, and it was agreed to consider areas of dialogue relevant to shared governance before examining the list of potential campus “voices”; several areas of dialogue were considered.

A discussion was held regarding the list of potential campus “voices”; the task force considered which groups currently do and do not participate in some type of dialogue related to governance decisions; the task force also considered whether groups that do not currently participate in some type of dialogue related to governance might do so in a future model; the task force then struck from the list of potential “voices” those groups that fall outside the governance model.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.