February 17, 2014

Re: Task force on shared governance

Dear President Jones:

Regarding our arrangement you receive regular updates approximately every 6 weeks, this correspondence is the second of those updates.

Since my first report, the task force met once (January 23, 2014) and the following took place:

- Dana Turcic continues to maintain a Cal U web-page on shared governance, which was updated to include minutes from the December 10, 2013, and January 23, 2014, meetings; my first report, January 7, 2014; and a proposed definition of shared governance (see http://www.calu.edu/about-us/shared-governance/index.htm)

- The agenda for the January 23, 2014, meeting is attached to this message; prior to the meeting I composed with Sean Madden and Mohamed Yamba a proposed definition of shared governance. At the meeting the Task Force considered, modified, and approved a proposed definition. We then agreed to post the definition on the web site to give the campus an opportunity to review and comment on the definition. I have since shared with the Task Force the comments I received.

- At our last meeting it was agreed we should investigate similar schools and their governance systems. I volunteered to look at other PASSHE schools and presented a review of those schools to the Task Force for their consideration (available upon request)

- At our last meeting it was also agreed we would compile a list of all Cal U constituent "voices" (faculty, student, staff, administrative groups, etc.) to create a comprehensive chart of our current university system. Kelsey Denardo volunteered to set up a Google Docs website where we can collectively view and edit this list. To see the list, visit https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_f0ljHblPdOFLSxrQ8XbQ5LWHqTnaOufoIKqvBz3n8Y/edit?pli=1

At our next meeting, February 27, 2014, the Task Force will consider finalizing the definition of shared governance and the list of campus "voices." We will then consider the purpose of each group on the list and their relationship to one another in order to consider recommendations for simplifying and streamlining the system. Our investigation of other PASSHE schools – by way of comparison – may inform our recommendations as well.

Working on the Task Force has been gratifying – seeing the progress made and participating in discussions. Each Task Force member has made worthy contributions, and our discussions remain frank but fair. Thank you for assigning me this responsibility; I hope our efforts bring positive results. You are always welcome to participate in the discussion, so I hope you consider joining us sometime.

Respectfully,

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Faculty Senate, president
Task Force, chairperson

Cc: Provost Bruce Barnhart

(Attachment)

Task Force on Shared Governance

Meeting Agenda

January 23, 2014

Approval of minutes (December 10, 2013)

Additions to the agenda

<u>Discussion</u>

- – Task force website

- – Definition of shared governance (action)

- – Comprehensive chart of current system (action)

<u>New Business</u>

- – Comprehensive chart of current system – describe relationships

- – Recommendations to streamline, simplify, formalize

- – Investigate other schools

- – Hire external consultant

- – Forum's unfinished business