

June 22, 2014

Re: Periodic report for Task Force on Shared Governance

Dear President Jones:

This correspondence will be the final of the agreed regular updates approximately every 6 weeks.

As mentioned in my last correspondence, following your departure from the April 23 meeting the Task Force finally drew up plans for a potential shared governance model. During three subsequent meetings (April 29, May 8, and May 27) the Task Force continued to develop and refine this model. We are now prepared to present for your review our final report and recommendations for shared governance in time for the July 1 deadline.

Since my fourth report, the Task Force held one additional meeting (May 27) where the following took place:

- The Task Force agreed upon the composition and primary responsibilities of the proposed budget and planning committee. Regarding the proposed model for shared governance, the Task Force was in substantial agreement on all the elements and descriptions in the model; we also considered how better to conceptualize the “dialogue” that takes place. The Task Force agreed to recommend that affected meeting agendas set aside a portion for shared governance to demonstrate the university’s commitment to this; we also considered the Forum’s unfinished business and generally agreed to incorporate this into the final report.

Subsequent to our final meeting (May 27), I prepared the final report and recommendations, which the Task Force members reviewed and approved. Added to this final report are:

- Some revisions to the basic principles of shared governance and the definition of shared governance to better reflect Task Force discussions
- A new conceptual model of the dialogue that takes place, and a summary that conceptualizes the overall plan

The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for June 25 to present you our final report and recommendations. I thank you again for the opportunity to work with such highly dedicated and insightful individuals; everyone who participated in the Task Force should be commended. We have completed our charges and look forward to receiving your impressions.

Respectfully,

Cc: Provost Bruce Barnhart

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