

Resolution to Add "Shared Governance" to the UB Senate Offices Name

Whereas, the National Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers have declared "Shared governance is the foundation of higher education in the United States" and

Whereas, civic service by academic and professional staff to the university at the campus level or at the State-wide level are critical to the collective thought, collective effort and common cause of democratic participation, and

Whereas, the Middle States Accreditation, Standard 4 Leadership and Governance, reads "The Commission on Higher Education expects a climate of shared collegial governance in which all constituencies (such as faculty, administration, staff, students, and governing board members) involved in carrying out the institutional mission and goals participate in the governance function in a manner appropriate to that institution; and

Whereas, collaboration between faculty, staff, students, administration and governing boards is essential in carrying out the vision of shared governance,

Therefore be it resolved: The Faculty Senate and the Professional Staff Senate, in the spirit of shared governance, will inculcate the values of trust, collegiality, dialogue, sharing perspectives, listening, shared sense of purpose, recognizing differences while remaining open to finding common ground, transparency of information, and

therefore be it also resolved, The Offices of University Governance, aka the Offices of the Professional Staff Senate and the Faculty Senate will be known as the "Offices of University Shared Governance: Faculty Senate and Professional Staff Senate".