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Resolution: Declaration of “University at Buffalo Day of Shared Governance”

Whereas, the recognized University at Buffalo governance bodies: UB Faculty Senate and UB Professional Staff Senate; have resolved to inculcate the values of shared governance under the auspices of the renamed University at Buffalo Office of University Shared Governance, and

Whereas, the two senates have made significant steps towards meaningful progress in partnering with representatives from student governance, the university administration, SUNY faculty Senate, and other representative bodies across the SUNY system and within the University at Buffalo campus, and

Whereas, the University at Buffalo administration has historically demonstrated inclusion from all representative bodies to achieve significant milestones of an improved academic profile; long range planning through UB 2020 and SUNY 2020 efforts; enhanced student quality and diversity; and improved educational offerings, and

Whereas, SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher has demonstrated a desire that all SUNY campuses engage in shared governance practices throughout each individual campus, as well as across the SUNY system, through the inclusion of shared governance as a metric in Presidential evaluations and incorporation of the SUNY Faculty Senate representation in the determination of SUNY policy and practice,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Professional Staff Senate, in conjunction with the UB Faculty Senate and other representative bodies across campus, request that President Tripathi declare the first Tuesday of March henceforth be known as “University at Buffalo Day of Shared Governance”, and therefore be it also

RESOLVED, that “University at Buffalo Day of Shared Governance” shall be observed together by all five pillars of shared governance, including faculty, staff, students, administration and councils, as well as our alumni associations, through a series of informative, collegial, and celebratory events.