


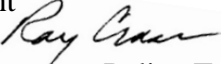


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TO: Appointees to the Shared Governance Policy Task Force

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SUBJ: IMPORTANT: Status of Shared Governance Policy Task Force and Follow-up

When the Shared Governance Policy Task Force was appointed in March, it was in response to biennial budget recommendations that would have eliminated shared governance from state statutes (Chapter 36).

As the budget made its way through the legislative process, shared governance language was retained, but with modifications. While modified, the statutory language continues to prescribe the responsibilities of chancellors, faculty, academic staff and students. University staff (previously “classified staff”) are not addressed, but the Board adopted a shared governance policy for this group in 2013.

As a result, convening the Shared Governance Task Force to craft new language to fill a statutory void will not be necessary, and we are relieving the task force of its charge.

That said, we understand that some institutional shared governance procedures, practices and guidelines may now be inconsistent with state law. Chancellors will be asked to review and evaluate existing procedures in the weeks ahead to be sure all practices are in compliance with current law.

We sincerely appreciate your willingness to serve on the task force, as well as your patience during the budget process. We also appreciate Regent Whitburn’s willingness to chair the task force and his watchful eye on the language changes throughout the process.

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