Staff Alliance

Resolution #2022-02
Resolution to Change Governance Feedback Periods

WHEREAS: Board of Regents Policy P03.01.010. Section A states: "The opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to participate in the governance of the university is important to its effective operation. The board intends that faculty, staff and student participation in university governance be an integral part of the university community's culture"; and

WHEREAS: Board of Regents Policy P03.01.010 Section D Item 2 states that one of governance's purposes is to "represent the viewpoints of university faculty, staff and students on regents' policy, university regulation, and other matters affecting the interests of the university"; and

WHEREAS: Board of Regents Policy P03.01.010 Section D Item 2 also states that one of governance's purposes is to "advise the president and chancellors in a timely fashion and in a manner set forth in individual organizational constitutions (emphasis added); and

WHEREAS: The current Staff Alliance constitution, in article 10 section A, allows for more time than University Regulation for feedback on proposed policy or regulation revisions, a constitution which was approved by the university president in 2016. It allows for 40 days, or until October 15th if initiated during the summer; and

WHEREAS: The current response period for administration to respond to governance actions is 45 days, while the response period for governance to respond to administration's proposals is only 30 days; and

WHEREAS: most faculty and students, and some staff, are off during the summer months.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Staff Alliance requests University Regulation 03.01.L.2. that currently reads as follows:

The appropriate system governance group(s) will provide comment on proposed policy or regulation revisions within thirty (30) days unless it requests a further thirty (30) days for consulting with individual campus-level faculty senates, staff councils, or student governments.

Be changed to (changes in bold):

The appropriate system governance group(s) will provide comment on proposed policy or regulation revisions within forty-five (45) days unless it requests a further thirty (30) days for consulting with individual campus-level faculty senates, staff councils, or student governments. Proposed policy or regulation revisions submitted in the summer months shall be acted upon by October 15th.

Therefore let it be resolved.

Adopted by unanimous vote by the Staff Alliance on the 18th day of March 2022.