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To System Office Governance Council

- Dawn Humenik, Acting Chair, Staff Alliance
- Gökhan Karahan, Chair, Faculty Alliance
- Shanone Tejada, Chair, Coalition of Student Leaders

Through Sheri Buretta, Chair, Board of Regents

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From Pat Pitney, President

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CC Karen Perdue, Vice Chair, Board of Regents
Paul Layer, Vice President for Academics, Students and Research

Re Response to SOGC memo regarding Common Table

Thank you for the memorandum from the UA System Governance Council to me and the Board of Regents regarding the Common Table Concept.

In Board of Regents Chair Buretta's response to you this spring regarding my appointment, she tasked me "to reach out to all of you to discuss the boundaries and expectations of shared governance so that we all may have clearer expectations."

As part of that dialog, I want to develop stronger communication pathways. The Common Table proposed in your April 21 memorandum is one approach. However, I believe we need to have a broader conversation of how to develop pathways of communication and input between administration and governance as a foundation for input to the board from governance groups.

Because there are many details to be considered, I propose a working group of faculty, staff and student stakeholders to work with me and Vice President Layer to hold a couple of working meetings to work out the details for providing input and conversation across the levels of the university system. This may or may not be the Common Table as outlined in the concept document, but it will meet the goal of providing clarity for shared governance at UA. After our working meetings, we can bring a proposal to the board for discussion, likely at either the board's governance or ASA committee meeting.

Recognizing that we are moving into the summer when many faculty and students may not be available, I would like to schedule these working meetings for early in the fall semester. Vice President Layer will work with governance leaders in the coming weeks to schedule these for early/mid-September.