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Faculty Alliance

Resolution 2022-01

Resolution to request that Board of Regents membership be changed to include the Faculty Alliance Chair as an ex officio member

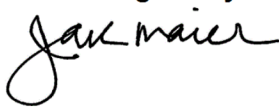
- WHEREAS: The critical importance of shared governance is described in a seminal statement jointly formulated by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), the American Council on Education (ACE), and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB); and
- WHEREAS: The joint statement on shared governance is intended to “foster constructive joint thought and action” among the components of the university to include faculty, staff, administrators, and governing boards, “both within the institutional structure and in protection of its integrity against improper intrusions”¹; and
- WHEREAS: A 2010 article in the AGB journal, *Trusteeship*, indicated that a growing number of boards of trustees, including of public institutions, are including faculty members as either voting members (13.3%) or non-voting members (9.7%), a total of 23% of public institutions had faculty members on boards of trustees²; and
- WHEREAS: Best practices of governing boards cite improved relations with faculty as one of the characteristics of effective boards²; and
- WHEREAS: Including faculty members in the deliberations of the board increases the effectiveness of the board because board members are better informed²; and
- WHEREAS: The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities requires that “The institution demonstrates an effective governance structure,...”, Standard 2.A.1³; and
- WHEREAS: “The institution’s decision-making structures and processes, which are documented and publicly available, must include provisions for the consideration of the views of faculty, staff, administrators, and students on matters in which each has a direct and reasonable interest”, Standard 2.A.4³; and
- WHEREAS: Regents policy P03.01.010.A. states that “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: Regents Policy P03.01.010.D, states that the purpose of governance organizations is “to provide an effective opportunity for university faculty, staff and students to play a meaningful role in matters affecting their welfare”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Faculty Alliance requests that the UA Board of Regents install the Faculty Alliance Chair as a non-voting ex officio member of the Board of Regents.

Adopted by a vote of 9-0-0 by the Faculty Alliance on the 5th day of November 2021.

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- ¹ <https://www.aaup.org/report/statement-government-colleges-and-universities>
- ² <https://www.aaup.org/article/faculty-members-boards-trustees#.YYRTXrqlbHo>
- ³ <https://nwccu.org/accreditation/standards-policies/standards/>