

**Presidential- Faculty Senate Joint Task Force on
Shared Governance Implementation
Minutes
November 16, 2005
4:00-5:25 P.M.
287 Reitz Union**

Members Present:

Tony Brennan
Jean Larson
Mary Ann Ferguson
Will Harrison
Kathleen Long
Gregory Schultz
Robert Thomas
Danaya Wright

Tony Brennan called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

The minutes of the November 2, 2005 meeting were approved.

Jean Larson discussed conducting a survey on shared governance. The purpose of the survey would be to determine what the functions of a department are. Dr. Larson passed out information regarding what her ideas of a department are. In the ensuing discussion, interest was expressed in the delineation of areas of responsibility for the administration and for the faculty.

Dr. Ferguson suggested that a survey be conducted for benchmarking the practice of shared governance and that a survey be conducted a few years later to see if there had been changes. The committee will revisit the idea of a survey when it looks at assessment of the implementation of shared governance. It was also suggested that mechanisms to verify the practice of shared governance be put in the University Constitution.

The Brennan/Ferguson/Long subcommittee reported on principles of shared governance. Their goal was a set of principles that captured all of the major ideas in the AAUP document.

The Larson/Schultz/Wright subcommittee reported on a model for faculty representation and a draft version of delineation of responsibilities. It was suggested we develop general guidelines on the delineation of responsibilities that colleges modify to suit their particular circumstances. Dr. Schultz suggested the organizational chart of college would be useful in conveying information on implementation, and suggested that as part of our assessment we ask each college to provide a map of their structure.

It was pointed out that for the proposed changes to occur, the President and Provost will need to tell the deans that they want to see this happen and put in place accountability

measures, and the Faculty Senate will need to market it to the faculty. The faculty morale survey was cited as an indirect measure of shared governance.

Two subcommittees were formed. The Draft Principles subcommittee consists of Brennan, Ferguson, Long and Wright. The Draft Org Chart subcommittee consists of Harrison, Larson, Schultz and Thomas. These two subcommittees will report at the next meeting of the task force.

There was a discussion of distribution of working documents to P. Brennan and K. Pister prior to their visit. It was decided that we should be sure to have the documents available for internal comment prior to such distribution.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.