

**Faculty Senate-Presidential Task Force on the
Implementation of Shared Governance Structure
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Whereas shared governance is the hallmark of the American university system and is essential to the institutions success.

Whereas the University of Florida has committed to the principles of shared governance in the BOT Resolution R03-14 [December 05, 2003], which provides that “The Board of Trustees, through the President, and the Faculty, through the Faculty Senate, will begin to implement policies and procedures that require and facilitate the implementation of the principles of shared governance at all organizational levels of the university, from individual academic units upward.”

Whereas the Faculty Senate has amended the University Constitution and/or By-Laws of the Faculty Senate to define the structure for implementing shared governance at the university-wide level.

Be it resolved that the principles of shared governance be further articulated in colleges and individual academic units, so that all members of the Faculty may participate in the creation of the academic policy that ultimately guides their academic unit; and thereby contribute to the goals and aspirations of the University of Florida to be recognized nationally and internationally for its scholarship, research, education and contributions to the academic enterprise.

Specifically, the Faculty Senate-President Task Force on Implementation of Shared Governance Structure is charged with:

- Establishing an inventory of existing mechanisms and best practices of shared governance for all academic units;
- Recommending principles of shared governance for all academic units to be integrated into the University of Florida Constitution and/or By-Laws of the Faculty Senate and, as necessary, in individual constitutions or by-laws of academic units;
- Establishing a reasonable timeline for all colleges to implement recommended principles into each of their respective academic units; and
- Recommending to the Faculty Senate a mechanism to verify implementation of the principles of shared governance into the constitutions or by-laws of individual academic units; and
- Recommending to the Faculty Senate for incorporation into the University of Florida Constitution and/or By-Laws of the Faculty Senate mechanisms that insure periodic evaluation of the effectiveness of shared governance at the University of Florida for all academic and administrative units.