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Shared Governance Report
College of Journalism and Communications

Below is a report from the College of Journalism and Communication's UF faculty senators on the progress toward shared governance in the College. The columns on the left are the 10 principles of shared governance from the *UF Faculty Senate-Presidential Task Force on the Implementation of Shared Governance Report* (April, 2006). The columns on the right represent the College's progress on the structures of shared governance.

Principles of Shared Governance	College Achievement
1. a respectful collaborative process between faculty and administration that seeks consensus in the development of shared governance structures and processes.	All administrative levels in the College have supported shared governance. A new faculty Senate is meeting regularly and either the dean and/or senior associate dean has attended every Senate meeting.
2. an elected representative body of the faculty (with its leadership elected by the faculty) that acts on behalf of the faculty and is responsible for working with unit administration to develop and oversee the operation of shared governance within the unit;	The college faculty voted for and elected a new nine-member faculty Senate, which began meeting in February 2007. The Senate elected its own leadership.
3. written guidelines that delineate the responsibilities and roles of the faculty and the administration in implementing shared governance in the unit;	The new college policy which established the Senate specifies the scope and role of the Senate. An elected College Shared Governance Committee has been meeting regularly and monitoring the progress of shared governance in the College.
4. written guidelines (e.g. constitution, bylaws, policy manual, or memoranda of operations) for implementing the principles of shared governance in the unit;	At the College's end-of-semester meeting, the College faculty voted to elect a College Constitution Committee charged implementing principles 4, 5 and 6. Several departments have already elected representatives to this committee, which will begin its work in Fall 2007.
5. approval of the guidelines, documents, and processes of shared governance by a majority vote of the faculty and unit administrators;	As noted above, this should occur in 2007-08
6. elected faculty committees charged with addressing the major academic missions of the unit (e.g. curriculum, promotion and tenure, standards for appointment, evaluation of students, research, and scholarship);	As noted above, this should occur in 2007-08
7. procedures to insure faculty input in strategic planning, resource allocation, and budget priorities;	The Shared Governance Committee and the Senate worked with the Interim Dean to establish an elected faculty Ad Hoc Planning and Budget Committee. That committee has met, elected its leadership, and will work with the Interim Dean to give direction to the College budgeting process.
8. procedures for resolving differences between faculty and administrators;	This will be addressed by the College Faculty Senate in Fall 2007 and incorporated into the new constitution.
9. procedures for periodic review and evaluation of the principles and mechanisms of shared governance; and	This will be addressed by the Senate in Fall 2007 and incorporated into the new constitution.
10. a means of communicating shared governance processes and outcomes to all members of the unit."	The Senate has created its own Web page, and the minutes of every meeting are posted there. The Senate and all college committees announce all meetings by e-mail to all faculty. The Senate has vetted new policies in department meetings, with deans and chairs and with affected groups.

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