

VI. RESOLUTION FOR SENATE

WHEREAS shared governance is the hallmark of the American university system and is essential to the institution's success in achieving the highest level of distinction in academics.

WHEREAS shared governance must occur at all levels of University life, from the department to the college to the University in order to be successful.

WHEREAS the University Board of Trustees, the University President, and the Faculty Senate are committed to the principles of shared governance at all levels of University administration, and have put in place structures at the highest levels.

WHEREAS the President and the Faculty Senate Chair created an ad hoc Task Force on the Implementation of Shared Governance Structure, and that Task Force has met regularly and provided a detailed report on how shared governance is occurring currently in the academic units, has identified the principles of shared governance, and makes recommendations on implementing and evaluating shared governance at the unit level.

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate is committed to instituting a robust system of shared governance at all levels of the University of Florida.

Be it RESOLVED that:

- a. The Faculty Senate hereby adopts the report of the SGI Task Force and the principles and policies identified therein;
- b. The Faculty Senate charges the University Constitution to be amended to require that each academic unit have an elected representative body of the faculty with elected leadership and that acts on behalf of the faculty and is charged with developing and implementing shared governance at the unit level and in collaboration with the unit administration, and that periodic evaluation of the effectiveness of unit-level shared governance shall be done through joint faculty/administration reports submitted to the Provost/Senior Vice Presidents and the Faculty Senate Chair;
- c. Each academic unit shall, within one year from the acceptance of the SGI Task Force Report by the Faculty Senate, report on its progress toward implementing the policies and principles identified in the Report;
- d. The SGI Task Force shall work with the Provost's office to develop a series of workshops to facilitate implementation in early Fall 2006; and
- e. The Faculty Senate requests approval of this report and recommendations by the President and the Board of Trustees at its earliest possible time, and that the President and the Board of Trustees take whatever actions are necessary to effectuate as diligently as possible the recommendations and principles of this report.