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Professor Rick Yost, Chair Faculty Senate
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Dear Professor Yost,

This is the report of the CLAS Task Force on Shared Governance.

The Task Force organized at the beginning of the Fall Semester under the direction of the former Chair of the Faculty Senate, Danaya Wright. Two members were added who were not CLAS Senators, James Keesling, CLAS Parliamentarian, and John Moore, Chair of the College Assembly. James Keesling was elected Chair of the Task Force.

During the course of the year the Task Force met weekly working to bring the CLAS Constitution up-to-date and into conformity with the principles of shared governance adopted by the Faculty Senate on April 20, 2006. The Task Force proposed amendments to the CLAS Constitution that were adopted by the CLAS Assembly on January 9, 2007. It completed work on a complete revision of the Constitution. The revision has been reviewed and approved by Deputy University Counsel, Barbara Wingo, and Interim Dean Joe Glover. The CLAS Faculty is currently voting on the proposed Constitution. If approved, it will take effect on May 11, 2007.

During the next academic year we propose that another committee be formed that would facilitate implementation of shared governance in the departments and other subunits of our college.

Sincerely,

James Keesling, Chair
CLAS Task Force on Shared Governance