

Resolution on Shared Services
University Faculty Senate Executive Committee
August 26, 2011

Whereas, both SUNY System Administration and the University Faculty Senate are committed to making SUNY one of the premier systems of higher education in the world, and

Whereas, the administration and governance bodies on each SUNY campus are equally committed to making their institution one of high quality, and

Whereas, the time-honored mechanism of “shared governance” is the means by which the administration and governance bodies both across SUNY and on individual campuses can work effectively and efficiently toward that common goal, and

Whereas, shared governance requires detailed, timely, and relevant information through a significant consultation process prior to any formal decision, and

Whereas, the recent policy of SUNY to reduce expenses by having campuses share services on a regional, sector or mission basis is an appropriate policy initiative worthy of careful consideration and consultation in the current economic environment, and

Whereas, the scope, nature and provision of administrative and student services directly and indirectly impact the curriculum, methods of instruction and other academic matters that are the primary responsibility of the faculty, and

Whereas, the proposed policy of having two campuses share a president was developed without significant consultation with the University Faculty Senate, the relevant College Councils, or the relevant campus governance organizations,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the proposed policy of two campuses sharing a presidency be carefully examined through significant consultation with the appropriate UFS representatives, the affected College Councils and the local governance bodies before implementation, and

Be It Further Resolved that representatives from the existing governance bodies on each alliance campus be included in the work groups that are considering shared services across the regional campus alliance, and

Be It Further Resolved that decisions regarding the sharing of services among campuses be made only after significant consultation with the appropriate campus governance body, and

Be It Further Resolved that the System Administration and UFS leadership work to clarify the forms by which appropriate consultation occurs *before* the implementation of significant new policies or actions that affect the state-operated campuses.