

RESOLUTION ON SHARED GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS, Indiana University ~~– Bloomington's 's history of~~ shared governance has been an essential element in building Indiana University into the fine institution it is today with a strong sense of camaraderie and shared purpose among faculty and administrators;

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Faculty Council firmly believes that good decision-making by University officials requires continual consultation with faculty and the BFC, ~~which serves as~~ the elective body representing faculty;

WHEREAS, the faculty of Indiana University Bloomington is eager to help university administrators make good decisions and develop responses to challenges that are appropriate and effective;

WHEREAS, the current economic environment will likely provoke profound changes at Indiana University and require important decisions with long-term consequences to all parts of Indiana University;

WHEREAS, the current economic environment will also provide opportunities for positive change and innovation;

WHEREAS, in recent years, University officials often fail to consult substantively with faculty and their representatives when making decisions that affect the pedagogical and academic environment;

WHEREAS, too often leaders within the Bloomington Faculty Council and its committees are notified of administrative decisions after the fact and provided information through the local media rather than through direct university channels;

WHEREAS, the administration's present approach ~~used by the administration is does~~ not provide ing faculty or the BFC with the opportunity ~~to the faculty or the BFC to be to consult consulted~~ in time to have an impact;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bloomington Faculty Council endorses the following principles and calls on university administrators to endorse and to act on these principles in order to re-build an atmosphere of shared governance based on trust and common purpose among all citizens of Indiana University:

(1) Consultation: faculty, including BFC representatives, should always be included in substantive discussions of university and campus issues in time to contribute to and influence administrative decisions;

(2) Representation: administrators seeking consultation with faculty should use the existing committees of the Bloomington Faculty Council and consult with its officers; if administrators choose to form separate consultative groups, such groups should include non-administrative members of the BFC;

(3) Notification: announcements of administrative significant policy decisions should be made to faculty before being released to the press and;

(4) Transparency: faculty should be integrated -in decisionmaking and fully informed of the processes that led ~~to a~~ particular decisions.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Bloomington Faculty Council understands that truly substantive consultation with faculty requires discretion and responsiveness on the part of the faculty and its leaders and pledges to act quickly on requests for consultation and to work constructively with our administrative partners.