

UNM Staff Council 2016 Resolution #3

Name: Shared Governance

Authors: Executive Committee of the Staff Council

Presented to Staff Council on 5/11/16

Council Action: **ADOPTED**

1. **WHEREAS** in 1966 the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), the American Council on Education (ACE), and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) formulated a joint **Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities**, which addressed shared governance; and,
2. **WHEREAS** shared governance refers to the relationship between governing boards (such as the UNM Board of Regents), administrators and key constituency groups in terms of how institutional decisions are made; and,
3. **WHEREAS** shared governance at UNM must be inclusive between the Board of Regents, administrators and key constituency groups as well as external stakeholders who participate in fulfilling the mission of the University; and,
4. **WHEREAS** in 2007 the AGB developed and published a “Statement on Board Responsibility for Institutional Governance” where the AGB’s Board of Directors challenged boards to remember that they are accountable for institutional mission and heritage, for the **transcendent values of American higher education** (*self-regulation and autonomy, academic freedom and the due process, shared governance, transparency, and educational quality and fiscal integrity*), to the public interest and the public trust, and to the legitimate interests of various constituencies; and,
5. **WHEREAS** on September 12, 1996 the UNM Board of Regents established the creation of the UNM Staff Council to be a source of input into decisions of the University as they relate to staff; and,
6. **WHEREAS** on March 14, 2016 the UNM Board of Regents voted to change the governance and organizational structure of the UNM Health Sciences Center (HSC) and limited public comment prior to the meeting; and,
7. **WHEREAS** 59 external/internal constituents spoke against this decision on March 14, 2016; and,
8. **WHEREAS** the UNM Board of Regents would not allow time for discussion about such an important change in the HSC governance and organizational structure and refused to delay a vote until such time that there could be more discussions with stakeholders; and,
9. **WHEREAS** the Staff Council, as representatives of UNM staff, collectively agree that the Regents did not hold to the ideals of the above referenced shared governance and Board Responsibility for Institutional Governance statements.
10. **THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Staff Council requests the UNM Board of Regents adhere to the spirit of shared governance most specifically for the **transcendent values of American higher education** to the public interest and the public trust, and to the legitimate interests of various constituencies.
11. **THEREFORE**, be it further resolved that the Staff Council, as representatives of the UNM Staff, extend an ongoing invitation to have transparent communication between the Board of Regents to ensure staff have a voice in the governance of the University.

12. Copies of this resolution will be sent to the UNM Board of Regents; Robert Frank, President of the University; Dr. Paul Roth, Chancellor for Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine; Dr. Chaouki Abdallah, Provost; David Harris, Executive Vice President of Administration and Dorothy T. Anderson, Vice President for Human Resources.

References:

Definitions of Shared Governance:

<http://president.unm.edu/documents/archived-documents/2010/definitions-of-shared-governance.pdf>

<https://policy.unm.edu/regents-policies/section-6/6-12.html>