

**Shared Governance Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 10, 2009**  
***Minutes***

The Shared Governance (SG) Committee meeting was held Tuesday, February 10, 2009 in the Administrative Conference Room 622. The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM by committee chair, Dr. Paxton Oliver. The meeting adjourned at 4:53PM.

Members in attendance were Karen Briski, Bob Cage, Camile Currier, Susan Duggins, Chip Holloway, Paul Karlowitz, Joe McGahan, Paxton Oliver, Denny Ryman, Pamela Saulsberry, John Sutherlin, and Luke Thomas. Provost Stephen Richters also attended the committee meeting.

Absent from the meeting were Mark Doherty and Robin Logan. Both were excused.

- From a historical perspective, the SG committee has significantly advanced SG on the campus. The Faculty Senate and the Administration appear to be working well together for the good of the campus. The need for a Staff representational organization has been recognized and favorably discussed by the SG committee.
- After much discussion and reflection, a motion was made by Pamela Saulsberry for the SG committee to recommend to President Cofer, a two-senate model composed of a Faculty Senate and a Staff Senate. Chip Holloway seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the committee.
- In a two-senate model, each senate is to maintain their identity and represent their respective constituencies; however, both senates are encouraged to interact with each other.
- There was a consensus among the committee that Paxton Oliver consult with President Cofer to determine if the president wants the SG committee to stand down. If the president determines that the committee should remain active, what will be their charge?
- The next meeting as well as information regarding the SG committee's status will be forthcoming.

Recorders were Priscilla Turner and Paxton Oliver