

Shared Governance Committee Meeting
January 11, 2008
Minutes

The Shared Governance (SG) Committee meeting was held in the President's Conference Room. President Cofer called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and announced that Paxton Oliver will continue as Chair. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

In attendance were President Jim Cofer, Provost Stephen Richters, Karen Briski, Bob Cage, Susan Duggins, Gordon Harvey, Chip Holloway, Paul Karlowitz, Robin Logan, Joe McGahan, Paxton Oliver, Denny Ryman, Pam Saulsberry, John Sutherlin, Luke Thomas, and Harold Williamson.

Absent but excused: Ken Clow and Camile Currier.

- President Cofer volunteered to supply a Recorder for future SG meetings.
- The purpose of the organization meeting was to allow for general introductory overviews, precursory remarks, and focus statements.
- Members were asked to review SG Principles and Procedures documents. These documents can be found by going to the ULM HOME page, clicking on FACULTY & STAFF, under the menu clicking on Shared Governance, and then clicking on About Shared Governance.
- Oliver suggested two initial priorities of this committee are to 1) immediately develop focus groups to review, analyze, and make recommendations about SG principles and procedures, and 2) discuss, develop, and recommend SG models for assimilation to focus groups. Additional priorities may be developed.
- Members were asked to search and review other SG Models. Although not inclusive, models previously discussed by the 2007 SG committee were: The University Assembly, Faculty Senate and Staff Senate (independent of each other but recommending to the President), and the University Senate. The SG 2007 committee did not make any final recommendations about SG models.
- An example of a University Senate (mentioned in the meeting) may be found at the following link.
<http://www.latech.edu/administration/policies-and-procedures/1302.shtml>
- Oliver will email an agenda one day prior to the January 15, 2008 meeting to be held in the Library Conference room 622 from 4:00-5:00.

Recorder: Paxton Oliver