

SHARED GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 22, 2008
Draft Minutes

The Shared Governance (SG) Committee meeting was held in the Administrative Conference Room 622. Oliver called the meeting to order at 4:00. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

In attendance were Karen Briski, Bob Cage, Ken Clow, 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. Priscilla Turner was present to take notes for the minutes.

Absent but excused: Camile Currier

- Minutes were approved for the January 15, 2008 meeting.
- SG “Models” were presented in concept form by Oliver. Discussion followed.
- Concept form – Oliver stated that SG is a feeling predicated on pragmatics. When people are provided opportunities to give input with an expectation of receiving feedback and are respected, they usually feel that Shared Governance is present.
- Discussion followed about which structure of SG would be more productive (Two bodies such as a Faculty Senate and a Staff Senate or one University body).
 - One member was concerned that the formation of two independent Senates may foster a sense of separation.
- The committee agreed that two-way communication at all levels is necessary for effective SG dialogue.
- The committee seemed to favor one University body instead of two separate Senates (More discussion needed in the SG Model subcommittee).
- Discussion about having one University body yielded two priority issues: 1) Eligibility/Defining Membership and 2) Proportionality.
 - The number of department units (academic and nonacademic) must be identified. Logan and Oliver will distribute this information.
 - Unit representation will be discussed in the SG Model subcommittee.
- A discussion followed about how the Faculty Senate might react if one University body was developed. The Faculty Senate will be a focus group in the discussion process and will have an opportunity to give input.
- Additional discussion points for the SG Model subcommittee - How can the Faculty Senate be assured that a University body will be stronger and better than what is already established? What is the intent of a University Assembly ... of a University Senate?
- Oliver assigned reserved rooms (LIB 622 and 651) in which subcommittees will meet at 4:00 on January 29, 2008. Subcommittees are to determine Chairs.

Recorders: Turner and Oliver