

**UW-Madison Faculty Senate Resolution on Shared Governance**

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**Whereas** shared governance rights for UW System faculty, academic staff, and students are articulated in Chapter 36 of Wisconsin state statutes, and

**Whereas** shared governance provides wise counsel to university administration and binds the academic community together in its unified mission of advancing knowledge, and

**Whereas** shared governance creates a collaborative process crucial to the strength and health of UW-Madison and UW System, and

**Whereas** shared governance is embedded in the culture, organization, and workings of UW-Madison, and

**Whereas** consultative, inclusive, and transparent processes bring the best ideas forth, increase accountability, and foster rational outcomes and consensus building, and

**Whereas** shared governance is an inclusive process that is efficient and effective in advancing the university's educational, research, and outreach missions, and

**Whereas** the proposal to create a public authority for UW System repeals shared governance language from state statute and gives authority to the Board of Regents,

**Be it therefore resolved that the UW-Madison Faculty Senate is opposed to repeal of the shared governance language from state statute and strongly urges that any new statutory language creating a public authority include shared governance rights; and**

**Be it further resolved that, if shared governance is repealed from state statute and placed in Board of Regent policy, the UW-Madison Faculty Senate has the following expectations:**

- 1) The wording in state statute will be transcribed verbatim into Regent policy;**
- 2) All participants in the shared governance process—administration, faculty, academic staff, classified staff, and students—will be recognized;**
- 3) Shared governance processes and relationships will continue without interruption; and**
- 4) All shared governance partners will be actively involved in any changes to Regent policy on shared governance.**