

Celebrating 30 Years of Academic Staff Shared Governance

Whereas, July 17, 2015, marks the 30th anniversary of the University of Wisconsin System academic staff governance rights in state statute;

Whereas, academic staff are partners in teaching, research and service;

Whereas, academic staff are responsible for research, instruction, student services, information technology, outreach, administration, clinical/health sciences, library, communication, and many other roles;

Whereas, these responsibilities provide a holistic understanding of the university and its needs, resulting in stronger policies due to academic staff participation;

Whereas, statutory shared governance supports a culture of transparency, engagement, accountability, and efficiency;

Whereas, shared governance facilitates collaborative decision making among academic staff, faculty, classified staff, students, and administrators on decisions that directly and indirectly impact the lives of the university community;

Whereas, shared governance has a positive impact on productivity and employee morale;

Whereas, shared governance is not a limitation, but rather it saves time and money by providing for the participation of a variety of voices that results in strong, effective policy making;

Whereas, shared governance is a strong tradition on the UW-Madison campus and an example of the Wisconsin Idea in action;

Whereas, academic staff involvement in shared governance promotes transparency in decision-making and allowing for a fully deliberative process, which leads to improved policies, products and a stronger campus community; and

Whereas, shared governance adds a layer of accountability between campus administration and the legislature, leading to an inclusive campus community because academic staff are actively part of the decision-making process;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Academic Staff Assembly at UW-Madison calls on the Governor to issue a proclamation honoring the anniversary and accomplishments of academic staff shared governance; and

Therefore be it resolved, that the Academic Staff Assembly supports the preservation of academic staff shared governance in Wisconsin State Statutes.