

**Resolution on Shared Governance
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Whereas the academic mission of Ohio University is currently undergoing revision through the writing and implementation of Vision Ohio, and

Whereas shared governance is an essential part of accomplishing a complete stewardship of the university, requiring administration, faculty, classified staff and students to all work together in order to effectively fulfill the revised mission, and

Whereas historically, faculty representation has been included on university and administrative boards, committees and in regular consultation with such offices in order to negotiate and further Ohio University's mission, and

Whereas continued academic excellence at Ohio University, especially in a time of budget crises, requires open communication and ongoing transparency at all levels, and

Whereas by approving the *Faculty Handbook* (2005), the president indicated his affirmation of shared governance, and

Whereas many universities, including the University of Cincinnati and Cleveland State University, have faculty members on their Boards of Trustees;

Be it resolved that the future of shared governance should be reconfirmed and addressed alongside Vision Ohio by pursuing the following:

1. The members of Ohio University Board of Trustees will work with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee toward adding a member of the Faculty Senate as a non-voting member of the board, to be chosen by the Faculty Senate at the first meeting in September.
2. Ordinarily and most often, assignments for study and/or action recommendations made to committees, commissions, councils, task forces, etc. will utilize existing standing committees appointed by the Committee on Committees. In the rare event that an ad hoc body must be appointed, it will have a lifetime of no longer than one year and include a substantial number of faculty appointed by the Faculty Senate. If the assignment relates to academic or curriculum matters, the ad hoc body must consist of a majority of faculty members appointed by the Faculty Senate and be chaired by a faculty member appointed by the Faculty Senate.