

Resolution on Shared Governance under RCM

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Whereas Ohio University Group I faculty accept their share of responsibilities for the governance of their institution; and the Faculty Senate, as sanctioned by the Ohio University Board of Trustees, acts on behalf of all faculty on matters related to University planning, governance, and resource allocation and is a key partner in University governance and provides representatives to all relevant University committees, boards, and task forces; and

Whereas Resource Centered Management (RCM) is a decentralized approach to budget allocation that exposes the budgeting impact of academic programming and thus encourages curricular entrepreneurship and innovation by faculty while assigning greater control over resource decisions to academic colleges and deans; and

Whereas decisions about academic programming and innovation require greater faculty understanding of curricular effects on budgets and academic quality under RCM than under centralized budgeting (although the university's central leadership will continue to enforce fiscal responsibility and provide subventions to selected programs), because changes to credit or degree production can affect resources in other units; and

Whereas faculty, departments/schools, colleges, University Curriculum Council, Faculty Senate's Educational Policies & Student Affairs and Finance & Facilities Committees, and the central academic leadership should regularly review and share key quantitative and qualitative indicators of academic quality using both standardized processes and periodic monitoring;

Therefore, be it resolved that each College, Regional Campus, or the Voinovich School identify at least one of its Faculty Senators to serve as an "RCM Faculty Liaison" between his or her individual Dean/Voinovich School Director and the corresponding faculty on all issues pertaining to RCM; that these Liaisons coordinate and monitor the input, concerns, and information needs of the faculty they represent according to a mechanism established by each College, Regional Campus, or the Voinovich School; and that these Liaisons either be appointed to an expanded Finance and Facilities Committee (F&F) of Faculty Senate or, if appointed to other Senate standing committees, attend F&F meetings on RCM and communicate any RCM concerns to F&F; and

Be it further resolved that the faculty and dean of each College, Regional Campus, or the Voinovich School may, as they see fit, appoint or elect additional Senators or Group I Faculty as additional RCM Faculty Liaisons for that College, Regional Campus, or the Voinovich School; and

Be it further resolved that the RCM Faculty Liaisons meet regularly with their respective Dean or Director, as either party deems necessary; and assist their Dean or Director in facilitating College, Campus or School RCM discussions as needed (at least annually the early phase of RCM implementation) for mutual consultation and the reciprocal exchange of information and ideas related to current and proposed curricular and budgetary matters; and

Be it further resolved that the Finance and Facilities Committee of Faculty Senate will meet at least once a semester to discuss RCM issues, concerns, and possible solutions, which will be communicated to the Faculty Senate as a whole for deliberation in the interest of shared governance.