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SA1516-052: Resolution Approving University Shared Governance Policy

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WHEREAS; Act 55 of the Wisconsin State Legislature in the spring of 2015 and the 2015-17 Biennium Budget removed shared governance rights and responsibilities of UW System campuses from state statute, and;

WHEREAS; though removed from State Statute, UW-La Crosse remains committed to the individual responsibility and perspective of each shared governance group on campus, and;

WHEREAS; the leadership of this institution and all shared governance leaders believe thoroughly in the continued preservation of shared governance ideals on campus, and believe that our commitment to such should take a written form, and;

WHEREAS; leadership from each shared governance group on campus have developed over the past year a university policy of shared governance to be approved by each body.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Student Senate approve the attached University Shared Governance Policy.


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Vice-President, Student Association

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University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Statement on Shared Governance

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The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse believes and values the concept and construct of shared governance in the leadership and guidance of our higher education organization. We value the need for collaboration, integration of perspectives, and the role of higher education in guiding civil discourse for the greater good. Therefore, we acknowledge and support the roles of the governance groups as outlined below.

The purpose of academic staff governance is to counsel, advise, and make recommendations to the Chancellor on issues concerning Academic Staff. Examples include administrative appointments, budget allocations, professional development and research programs, salaries, personnel policies and procedures, and any other issues the Chancellor or the Council deems appropriate. The Academic Staff Council and its officers consult regularly with the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Administration & Finance, other chief administrative officers as appropriate, as well as other governance leaders. The Academic Staff Council serves as the recognized voice of the Academic Staff and as a liaison between Academic Staff and administration.

The purpose of University Staff Council governance is to counsel, advise, and make recommendations to the Chancellor on issues concerning University Staff. Examples include administrative appointments, budget allocations, professional development, salaries, personnel policies and procedures, and any other issues the Chancellor or the Council deems appropriate. The University Staff Council serves as the recognized voice of the University Staff and as a liaison between University Staff and administration.

The purpose of student governance is to counsel, advise, and make recommendations to the Chancellor on issues concerning any aspect of student life on and around campus. Examples include oversight over allocable segregated fee budget allocations, advisement on non allocable segregated fee budget allocation, adequate (as determined in consultation with the current Student Association President) representation on student-centered (i.e., Residence Life, University Centers, Student Life) and major search and screen committees and the interview process for faculty positions, purview over student body-wide referendums and any other issues the Chancellor and/or the Student Senate deems appropriate. The Student Association serves as the recognized voice of the students and as a liaison between students and the administration. Students on campus reserve the right to organize a governance group in whichever manner they choose.

Faculty governance of the university is primarily concerned with determining the curriculum and graduation requirements for the university, but also plays a fundamental role in formulating and implementing university policy related to research, educational budget, physical facilities, institutional organization, aspects of student life, and personnel matters related to academic freedom, teaching loads, salaries, appointments, reappointments, tenure, promotion, leaves and dismissals. The Faculty Senate is the recognized voice of the faculty, including both tenure-track faculty and instructional academic staff members. The Faculty Senate is a deliberative body that exercises review authority in each of the aforementioned matters through multiple, organized committees which have specific oversight duties. The Faculty Senate and its officers consult regularly with the Chancellor, Provost, other chief administrative officers of the university, and with other governance leaders, and have a duty to inform each of these of senate actions affecting the areas of their respective concerns. As many members of the faculty have a unique status as tenured, long-serving employees of the university, they have a special role in encouraging and guaranteeing both the high quality and the continuity of programming needed to make the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse a reliable partner in the higher education endeavors of our students and their families.