

ALTERNATIVE TO THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS IN THE DRAFT TFSG REPORT

Dear Dr. Davenport and fellow Task Force members,

I would like to propose an alternative to the first two bullet points under the heading “Recommended Actions” in the draft TFSG Report of Findings and Recommendations. My concern is that neither the Strategic Planning Implementation Team nor a permanent shared governance committee appointed by the Administration is likely to fully embody shared governance in its own makeup. Rather than entrust the task of taking over and carrying on the work of the TFSG to a body likely to give a disproportionately strong voice to the Administration in relation to the faculty and staff, I propose passing the baton to the Faculty Senate. If the Faculty Senate chooses not to undertake this work, I propose entrusting the task to a body constituted along the following lines:

1. The co-chairs will be one faculty member and one staff person, administrator, or trustee.
2. Staff members will be appointed by their representative bodies—the relevant union and/or the Staff Senate (after a Staff Senate is created).
3. Faculty members will be appointed by their representative bodies—the Faculty Senate and/or the SFT.
4. The combined number of trustees and administrators will not be larger than the combined number of faculty and staff appointed by the Faculty Senate, the Staff Senate, and the unions.

I concur in all the findings and recommendations of the draft TFSG Report, with only minor editorial suggestions, except that I disagree about the appropriate body to follow through with our work.