

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SHARED GOVERNANCE
Proposed April 13, 2012

WHEREAS Florida Gulf Coast University exists to serve the educational needs of Southwest Florida; and

WHEREAS the University is comprised of numerous disciplines that are unique in their teaching, scholarship, and service objectives; and

WHEREAS Shared Governance involves the cooperative participation of both faculty and administration in critical decision and policy-making processes that embrace the unique nature of each discipline; and

WHEREAS, the realignment of disciplines is a critical decision that demands the acknowledgement of the distinctive needs of various disciplines and their constituencies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the FGCU Faculty Senate:

1. Acknowledges and supports the active involvement of faculty in Shared Governance; and
2. Is concerned that the critically important principles of Shared Governance have not yet been adequately implemented in the realignment process as it is presently unfolding in the University; and
3. Urges university and college administration to seek and accept faculty input regarding the impact of realignment, particularly in the College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Professional Studies at the department or division level; and
4. Urges that all decisions regarding realignment be reached jointly by administration and faculty; and
5. Recommends that affected units are fully informed of the nature and rationale for decisions before they are made, and are provided an opportunity for meaningful input, thereby fully implementing the essential principles of shared governance described herein.