

## SUMMARY REPORT CONCERNING SHARED GOVERNANCE CRITERIA

(compiled from records of the Faculty Policies Committee)

*History:* During the 2005-06 and 2006-07 academic years, the Faculty Policies Committee of the University of Memphis Faculty Senate was charged with developing proposals to address issues of shared governance at the university. After review of both internal documents and models of shared governance at other institutions, the Faculty Policies Committee developed a list of fundamental criteria for successful models of shared governance. These criteria and their implementation are now being considered by a formal Shared Governance Committee of the Faculty Senate.

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### CRITERIA FOR SHARED GOVERNANCE

1. Openness and transparency of decision process
2. Autonomy in the selection of faculty representatives
3. Prompt notification of issues
4. Adequate time allowed for deliberation
5. Inclusiveness in decision process, including a formal signatory role for the Faculty Senate
6. Decisions accompanied by written explanations and reasonable opportunities for response and reconsideration
7. Allocation of necessary resources to implement procedures
8. Mechanisms for oversight and review of shared governance process, including mediation in cases of disagreement
9. Procedures to be codified as part of the formal policies and procedures of the university

(From Faculty Policies Committee 12/06)

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