

Resolution Concerning Reorganization
University of Florida, Faculty Senate
Originated by the College of Education
December 2009

WHEREAS the principle of shared governance has been adopted by the College of Education, Faculty Senate, University Administration, and the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS the directive to reorganize the College of Education suspended the constitutional process for restructuring a college, and did not employ the basic tenets of shared governance, including transparency, openness, adherence to the Constitution of the University of Florida and the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate, and review of the reorganization by appropriate committees within the University; and

WHEREAS the resulting reorganization was never put to a faculty vote as required by the College of Education Constitution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The principle of shared governance (including, but not limited to, principles and practices specified in the constitution of a college, the Constitution of the University of Florida, and the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate) shall not be set aside except in cases in which the University officially declares economic exigency, and
2. Reorganization shall be conducted in a manner guided by, and consistent with, the affected college(s) constitution(s), the Constitution of the University of Florida, the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate, the review by appropriate committees within the University, and the full consideration of the costs and benefits of alternative plans.