

RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
REGARDING THE PROCEDURE USED IN DEVELOPING THE “FIVE YEAR PLAN 2006-
2011” FOR THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES
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WHEREAS shared governance “in the academic mission of the University is collaborative participation of administrators and faculty in the decision and policy making process”¹; and

WHEREAS its purpose “is to provide avenues for University improvement and productivity through the creation of a partnership based on mutual respect and collaboration”;² and

WHEREAS “[t]he ultimate goal of the university is excellence in every facet of its work, and, while recognizing the importance of setting priorities, it is not a part of the strategy of identifying promising areas of investment to let other areas fall into neglect, nor to suggest that support of other projects and areas will not also be essential”;³ and

WHEREAS the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences significantly contributes to the education of all of our students and diminished educational quality in this college has the potential to affect adversely the majority of our students’ educations, and

WHEREAS the immediate strategy and Five Year Plan 2006-2011 for the “realignment” of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has not provided the College’s Faculty with meaningful participation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- the Faculty Senate calls upon the University and College administrations to recognize that any realignment in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences done outside shared governance adversely affects the academic qualities of the College, as well as the entire University; and
- the Faculty Senate requests that the University and College administrations set aside the current Five Year Plan until fact-finding, based on timely collaborative participation of faculty (from CLAS departments and Faculty Senate Councils) in the decision- and policy-making process, is completed as called for in shared governance and;
- the Faculty Senate will work diligently to fulfill its obligations under shared governance through participation in academic and budgetary consultation, to achieve the goals of the recently Senate-ratified Strategic Work Plan to meet the needs of the College and University as a whole, and requests that the administration similarly engage in this collegial deliberative process .

¹ Report of the Joint Presidential/Faculty Senate ad hoc Committee on the Implementation of Shared Governance Structure.

² Id.

³ University of Florida Strategic Work Plan, adopted by the Faculty Senate on August 24, 2006.