

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Professional and Scientific Council

Council Motion: Document the Shared Governance Philosophy at Iowa State University

Submitted by: Shared Governance Ad Hoc Committee on May 4, 2017

Whereas: The intention of shared governance is to provide a voice to all members of the University community in order to create effective policies and procedures, establish a successful university climate, and unite our community; and

Whereas: The Professional and Scientific Council is an active participant in the shared governance process and contributes a strong voice in the shared governance; and

Whereas: The Professional and Scientific Council participates in shared governance:

1. By serving as a resource and as an advocate for P&S Employees.
2. By serving as a representative body elected by, and responsible to, P&S Employees.
3. By identifying the needs of our constituents, providing information and advice in response to those needs, and by bringing necessary and appropriate feedback and recommendations regarding policies and procedures to the University administration.
4. By assisting in fulfilling the mission of Iowa State University; and

Whereas: The Professional and Scientific Council has determined the need for documentation of the function and practice of shared governance at Iowa State University; and

Whereas: The Professional and Scientific Council defines shared governance as a collaborative decision-making process that is inclusive of University administration, faculty, staff, and students which requires all parties to work together to advance the mission and achieve the strategic goals of Iowa State University.

It is moved: The Professional and Scientific Council shall document this definition of shared governance on the Professional and Scientific Council website and clearly document the Council's activities in support of shared governance.

It is moved: The Professional and Scientific Council recommends that the University Community formally adopt the aforementioned definition of shared governance and university Administration develop a central website to

1. Retain and promote the common definition of shared governance, and
2. List the organizations or groups that participate in shared governing at Iowa State University.

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