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## **Statewide Administration Assembly**

### **Resolution 2021-02 Regarding Changes to the System Governance Office**

WHEREAS, shared governance is a core principle of Regents policy;

WHEREAS, shared governance is fundamental to university accreditation and ensuring a great university;

WHEREAS, there has previously been just one office supporting shared governance including Staff Alliance, Faculty Alliance, Coalition of Student Leaders, System Governance Council, and the Statewide Administration Assembly;

WHEREAS, the system governance executive officer has in the past participated in executive council, providing an invaluable communication channel to governance groups;

WHEREAS, the governance offices for both UAA and UAF report directly to the Chancellor;

WHEREAS, a unified position is vitally important to ensure successful communication between the various governance bodies, in assuring that Governance reports are transmitted in a coordinated fashion and to have a dedicated position supporting all system and system office governance functions;

WHEREAS, the work of supporting these governance groups is a full-time job, and splitting that work between two positions who already have full-time non-governance duties does not strengthen support;

WHEREAS, putting the staff governance support staff under the Office of Human Resources is a conflict of interest because the work of Staff Alliance, due to lack of staff union, are often HR in nature; and

WHEREAS, the decision to split the governance support position was made without informing or seeking input from governance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the SAA asks President Pat Pitney to directly replace the position of System Governance Executive Officer; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the SAA asks President Pat Pitney to have a discussion on moving this position to report directly to the UA President.

*Adopted by the Statewide Administration Assembly the 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021*

*Voting results: Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 3*

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