Task Force on Shared Governance
March 24, 2014, 3:15 pm, Room 408 Manderino Library

<u>APPROVED MINUTES</u>

The Task Force on Shared Governance met on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 3:15 pm in Room 408, Manderino Library.

The following were in attendance:
Mr. Brendon Demmy, Ms. Kelsey DeNardo, Dr. Stan Komacek, Dr. Linda Meyer, Dr. Craig Smith, and Ms. Sheleta Webb.

The minutes from the March 10, 2014 were presented. Minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Diagram of student government (SAI)
Mr. Demmy presented a diagram of student government and SAI, explaining the organization and relationships between components. This could serve as a model for the current governance structure as well as an example for any revisions to the governance system.

Continue Review of Comprehensive Chart of dialogue areas and constituent voices
Dr. Komacek presented several diagrams showing the approval processes for different decisions, such as curriculum, promotion, tenure etc. (determined by the CBA or accepted practice). These could also serve as models for the current governance structure as well as examples for possible revisions to the governance system.

It was agreed these diagrams demonstrated aspects of the current governance system that work well and may not need substantial revisions. There were questions raised about the curriculum decision process: if the membership of the university-wide curriculum committee is composed of representatives from each of the colleges, do those members represent their respective college? If so, then why does the current process require review by the college councils? What is the basic purpose of college councils if not to decide curriculum issues?

Next, the task force looked at the comprehensive list of constituent voices and dialogue areas to determine whether to consolidate areas. It was decided to rearrange the list so that those voices and areas generally considered "set" – meaning there is an agreed upon and acceptable process already in place for shared governance – are removed, leaving behind those voices and areas for future consideration in a revised governance system. Some examples of constituent voices and dialogue areas removed from the list because they appear to be "set" include: the university-wide tenure, promotion, and sabbatical committees and their role in making tenure, promotion, and sabbatical decisions; the university-wide curriculum committee and its role in curriculum decisions, etc.

Dr. Smith indicated he would prepare a new list of constituent voices and dialogue areas so the task force could continue its review and make further recommendations about governance processes.

Next Meeting – timeframe available
The task force discussed a timeframe for the next meeting – April 2-8, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.