

Resolution on University-Level Representation for Clinical Faculty Members

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Whereas, the enforcement of the Faculty Senate Bylaws definition of “faculty” will result in clinical faculty members no longer being represented by the University Faculty Senate; and

Whereas, this change will result in clinical faculty members having no university-level representative body or mechanism through which to participate in shared governance; and

Whereas, no alternative system of university-level representation for clinical faculty members presently exists; and

Whereas, the inclusion of clinical faculty in the university’s shared governance structure is essential to ensuring their voices are heard in matters affecting their roles, responsibilities, and professional development; and

Whereas, time and careful consideration are necessary to study best practices and develop a well-coordinated and sustainable model of representation that aligns with the existing University Senate, and that is acceptable to both the President of the University and the Board of Trustees;

Be it resolved, that the Senate authorizes a period of up to one year for appropriate stakeholders, including clinical faculty, members of the Faculty Senate, and university administration, to study, develop, and propose a plan for university-level representation for clinical faculty members.