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Professor Mark Taggart
Chair of the Faculty
Faculty Senate Office
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Re: Faculty Senate Resolution 08-07

Dear Mark:

Our administration is strongly committed to shared governance and to working cooperatively with all of our faculty to take advantage of our opportunities and to move forward to realize the tremendous opportunities in front of us. I believe our academic vice chancellors and other academic leaders have repeatedly shown our commitment to shared governance.

However, I have decided not to approve Resolution 08-07. I do pledge to work with you and future chairs of the faculty to enhance faculty input and participation as we develop our policy framework and as we continue to adopt national best practices in our policy system. I will also include other relevant constituencies, as appropriate.

Each task force has different contexts, constraints, goals, and functions. Therefore, flexibility is required in order to address the particular needs of each task force. The Strategic Enrollment Management Task Force, for example, includes Board members, several faculty, students, administrators, and staff. I think it would have been a mistake to constrain this critical work in the manner suggested by the resolution passed on February 19th.

I would be happy to discuss this matter with you at your convenience, or with the officers of the Faculty Senate at our next meeting.

With best personal regards,

Steve Ballard
Chancellor

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