


## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Dr. Richard Statom  
President, Faculty Senate

**From:** Dr. Terry D. Richardson  
Chair, Ad Hoc Faculty Senate Committee for Shared Governance Review



**Date:** September 3, 2009

**Subject:** Final Report of the Ad Hoc Faculty Senate Committee for Shared Governance Review—Extended Charge

### Brief Synopsis

The Ad Hoc Faculty Senate Committee Concerning Shared Governance Review (SGR) provides this brief synopsis of its findings. A detailed summary account follows.

- (1) The SGR Committee drafted a set of procedures for changing policy at UNA.
- (2) The draft procedure was presented to the Faculty and Staff Senates, and the Shared Governance Committee for review and input.
- (3) The SGR Committee incorporated the procedure into the *Shared Governance Document* as new Section C making all revisions to the document as necessary.

### Summary Account

#### *The Committee.*

The SGR committee consisted of Drs. Larry Adams, Wendy Darby, Greg Gaston, Sandra Loew and Terry Richardson. At the December 2, 2008 session of the Faculty Senate, the SGR Committee recommended to the Senate that its charges be extended to include providing specific recommendations for making changes in the *Shared Governance Document* relating to how policy is made. The Senate approved this recommendation and President Larry Bates extended the Committee's charge to include providing these specific recommendations.



*Recommendation.*

The SRG Committee makes the following recommendations:

- (1) The Faculty Senate approve the *Shared Governance Document—Revised August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009* and notify the Shared Governance Committee of its approval, and
- (2) The Faculty Senate President dismiss the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee for Shared Governance Review

*Summary*

In summary, it was clear that the *Shared Governance Document* does not require formal interaction between the Shared Governance system of committees and the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, or Student Government Association in any manner other than for filling Shared Governance committee vacancies. Furthermore, it was clear that policy could be initiated, changed and implemented without formal or even courtesy review by any campus representative body. Likewise, recommendations from each of these bodies could be changed without the consent of the originator. The proposed changes in the *Shared Governance Document—Revised August 25<sup>th</sup> 2009* require input from all representative bodies and insure that recommendations cannot be changed without input by the originator. The Committee recommends the *Shared Governance Document—Revised August 25<sup>th</sup> 2009* be approved by the Faculty Senate. It further recommends the SGR Committee be dismissed.