

Resolution to Suspend Shared Governance Committee Membership Restriction for 2026–2027

Whereas, the four standing committees of the shared governance structure (Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Operational Affairs, and Curriculum) each include three faculty members, potentially involving up to 12 faculty members; and

Whereas, the named work groups that report to standing committees (Online, Advising, Retention, Institutional Technology, Artificial Intelligence, and Assessment) each requiring at least four faculty members, affecting 24+ faculty members; and

Whereas, the 2026–2029 Shared Governance Document currently states that an individual may not serve on both a standing committee and a work group that reports to a standing committee; and

Whereas, ASUMH has fewer than 35 full-time faculty members, creating a significant challenge in meeting the faculty membership requirements for both standing committees and work groups while maintaining broad faculty participation in shared governance; and

Whereas, temporarily suspending the restriction will provide greater flexibility in appointing or nominating faculty members to shared governance committees and work groups during the 2026–2027 academic year; and

Whereas, staff members also need greater flexibility in serving on shared governance committees and work groups because of staffing restrictions and schedule conflicts;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the statement “**not currently serving on any other shared governance committee**” as applied to Online, Advising, Retention, Institutional Technology, Artificial Intelligence, and Assessment Workgroups **in the 2026–2029 Shared Governance Document** shall be **suspended for the 2026–2027 academic year**.

Be it further resolved, that during the 2026–2027 academic year, both faculty members and staff members may serve concurrently on a standing committee and a work group that reports to a standing committee, as needed to meet the faculty or staff membership requirements of the shared governance structure.

Be it further resolved, that this suspension shall apply only to the **2026–2027 academic year** unless otherwise amended or extended through the appropriate shared governance process.

Approved September 22, 2026 by SGOC