

## **Proposed Resolution re: True Commitment and Shared Governance**

**Whereas** Article VI(A) of the Faculty Senate Constitution provides that “[s]hared governance at The University of Tulsa is an important priority and it is expected that this will be reflected in formal structure, policy, institutional culture, and practice.”

**Whereas** Article VI(C) of the Faculty Senate Constitution provides:

Except in emergencies, major decisions and plans of the administration that significantly affect the academic affairs of the University should be discussed with the Faculty Senate for an expression of views prior to implementation or submission to the Board of Trustees. The views expressed by the Faculty Senate should be transmitted, along with the Administration’s proposals, to the Board of Trustees when these plans and decisions are considered by the Board of Trustees. Additionally, the Board of Trustees may regularly solicit input from the Faculty Senate as it addresses important issues.

**Whereas** the Provost’s Program Review Committee (“PPRC”) delivered its report to the Provost on February 22, 2019;

**Whereas** the recommendations in the PPRC report were submitted to the Board of Trustees for a vote on April 10, 2019;

**Whereas** the administration has sought to implement the PPRC recommendations through its True Commitment proposal;

**Whereas** the PPRC recommendations and the True Commitment proposal represent “major decisions and plans of the administration that significantly affect the academic affairs of the University”;

**Whereas** the PPRC recommendations and the True Commitment proposal were not “discussed with the Faculty Senate for an expression of views prior to implementation or submission to the Board of Trustees”; and

**Whereas** no emergency precluded discussing the PPRC recommendations and the True Commitment proposal with the Faculty Senate prior to submitting them to the Board of Trustees.

**Therefore be it resolved that:**

The submission of the PPRC recommendations and the True Commitment proposal to the Board of Trustees, and the efforts to implement these plans, violate Article VI(C) of the Faculty Senate Constitution.