

## **Resolution on the Administration's Communication with the Faculty Senate about Government Activities**

Whereas “the General Faculty has primary authority and responsibility in formulating policy and rules and regulations in all matters concerning curriculum (including, but not limited to, programs and courses of study, major field requirements, core curriculum, and individual courses), to conduct and schedule classes and final examinations, to set requirements for graduation, and to specify the educational standards of the University” (UWG Policies and Procedures, rev. 2021, p. 18),

And, Whereas the exercise of this authority and responsibility is “subject to approval by the President, the Chancellor and the Board of Regents” (ibid),

Be it resolved that the faculty senate, acting as the representative body of the general faculty, and the President and the President’s office must have a clear structure and means of communication on all matters of significance that can and will impact the authority and responsibility of the faculty in the fulfillment of these designated duties, including the impact of state and federal legislative, executive, and judicial activities.

The Faculty Senate, in its role of advising the President and making policy and procedure recommendations to the President, recommends the following procedure of communication with regard to public affairs:

- The Office of the President (e.g., the office of Public Service and Outreach) will engage in regular and timely communication with the Faculty Senate regarding government activities (e.g., proposed legislative bills) that have the potential to impact the authority and responsibility of the general faculty as described in UWG Policies and Procedures documents and will share relevant available materials (e.g., proposed bills) and any proposed administrative plans or strategies for responding to such activities.
- Prior to responding to the government activity or enacting any plans or strategies, the Office of the President will, whenever time permits, give the Faculty Senate the opportunity to identify and consult with faculty who have relevant expertise and who can work with a standing senate committee, subcommittee, or ad hoc task force to compose advice and/or recommendations for the President to assist the President in effectively representing and advocating for the curriculum and educational standards of the University.
- Recognizing that the Faculty Senate's advisory recommendations may differ from the Administration's position on how to best represent and advocate for the university's curriculum and educational standards of the university, the Senate reserves the right to express the reasons for its dissenting opinion with appropriate campus stakeholders and continue its advocacy with Administration.

*Approved by the Faculty Senate on February 18, 2022*

*Accepted by President Kelly on April 4, 2022*