IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Graduate & Professional Student Senate

SENATE RESOLUTION F17-01
SENATE MEETING October 30, 2017

TITLE: Supporting the Establishment of a Shared Governance Website at Iowa State University

WHEREAS: Iowa State University is administered through the practice of shared governance among administrators, faculty, staff, and students, and

WHEREAS: The representative bodies of Iowa State University, including University Administration, Faculty Senate, Professional and Scientific Council, Supervisory and Confidential Council, Graduate and Professional Student Senate, and Student Government have determined a need for a clear definition and role of shared governance, and

WHEREAS: The intention of shared governance is to ensure that the university is administered in collaboration with all stakeholders in order to create effective policies and procedures as well as establish a successful, welcoming, and inclusive university climate, and

WHEREAS: That shared governance includes, but is not limited to, representation of faculty, staff, and students on departmental, college, and university committees in order to take advantage of the full breadth of the university community’s personal, educational, and professional backgrounds, and

WHEREAS: The representatives serving on those committees are encouraged and expected to speak up on behalf of their constituents, keep them informed, and ask for their feedback, and

WHEREAS: Faculty, staff, and students also have the opportunity to voice their opinion on matters affecting Iowa State University through official meetings, open forums, and general public discourse, be it therefore

RESOLVED: That the Iowa State University Graduate & Professional Student Senate supports the creation of a central university website detailing the formal aspects of shared governance that includes the governing documents of the university, colleges, departments, and committees, and be it further

RESOLVED: That any mission statement published on this website is approved by GPSS
RESOLVED: That Iowa State develop a webpage to describe the philosophy of shared governance in detail and provide a list of all representative bodies involved, and be it further.

RESOLVED: Periodic meetings among the governing bodies occur to update one another on pertinent issues, and be it further.

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the leadership of University Administration, Faculty Senate, Professional and Scientific Council, Supervisory and Confidential Council, and Student Government.

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