

Survey of Senate Chairs
On the State of Shared Governance
On Their Campus
2015-2016

USM Institution: _____ Date: _____

President: _____

Senate Chair: _____

The purpose of this survey instrument is to help assess the state of shared governance on USM campuses. The questions in this survey are adapted from a short monograph by Keetje Ramo entitled *Assessing the Faculty's Role in Shared Governance: Implications of AAUP Standards (1998)*. The results of this survey will be included by CUSF in the *Chair's Report on the State of Shared Governance in the USM*. This report is shared with the Chancellor as part of the advisory role of CUSF to the Chancellor and the information provided in this report may be used in the Chancellor's evaluation of the institution's president regarding shared governance.

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Thank you for completing this survey.

Climate for Governance:	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Not Applicable</u>
1. Shared governance on our campus is alive and healthy.	SA	A	D	SD	NA

Please expand upon the question in this section with examples and/or comments (If non-applicable, briefly explain why):

Insert Your Text Here:

Institutional Communications:

	Strongly <u>Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	Not <u>Applicable</u>
2. There are excellent communications and consultation between the administration and the faculty and senate leadership.	SA	A	D	SD	NA

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Senate's Role:

	Strongly <u>Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	Not <u>Applicable</u>
3. The faculty senate plays an important role in making academic decisions at the university.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
4. The faculty senate plays an important role in making administrative decisions at the university.	SA	A	D	SD	NA

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The President's Role:

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Not Applicable</u>
5. Other than on rare occasions, the president seldom overturns faculty decisions and recommendations in areas in which the faculty has primary responsibility (e.g., curriculum, tenure and promotion, etc.).	SA	A	D	SD	NA
6. The president seeks meaningful faculty input on those issues (such as budgeting) in which the faculty has an appropriate interest but not primary responsibility.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
7. The president supports and advocates the principles of shared governance.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
8. The president supports and advocates the principles of shared governance at the sub-unit level also (e.g. college, department).	SA	A	D	SD	NA

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The Faculty's Role:

	Strongly <u>Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	Not <u>Applicable</u>
9. The administration is supportive of faculty involvement in shared governance.	SA	A	D	SD	NA

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Joint Decision-Making:

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Not Applicable</u>
10. The administration utilizes faculty involvement in the area of planning and strategic planning .	SA	A	D	SD	NA
11. The administration recognizes faculty involvement in budgeting and fiscal resource planning.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
12. The administration recognizes faculty involvement in academic affairs and program development.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
13. The administration recognizes faculty involvement in staff selection and hiring .	SA	A	D	SD	NA
14. Structures and processes that allow for shared governance are clearly defined in the governance documents (e.g. faculty handbook).	SA	A	D	SD	NA
15. Shared governance between the administration and faculty functions in an effective manner.	SA	A	D	SD	NA
16. Joint decision-making and shared governance discussed in questions 9-14 are practiced at the sub-unit levels also (e.g. college, department).	SA	A	D	SD	NA

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Confidential Section – This section will not be directly included in the report, but will verbally be passed on to the Chancellor or the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. **Is there anything else that you would like to communicate regarding the state of shared governance on your campus?**

Insert Your Text Here: