

# UNIVERSITY SENATE *of* LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

## MEASURE OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

### **Resolution Concerning Exclusion of Shared Governance Structures in the Decision to Convert to a Single Provost Model for Loyola University Chicago**

**Whereas**, the Provost is the chief academic officer of the University, responsible for assuring that our institution continues to provide a high-quality education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition; and

**Whereas**, the decision of the Office of the President to move from a dual provost model to a single provost model was made without information, advice or consultation with the University Senate, Faculty Council or other shared governance structures at Loyola University Chicago or even the Council of Deans, which reports directly to the Provost position in question, thus leaving no opportunity in any format, formally or informally, for shared governance structures to voice their views, opinions, concerns, or support for an administrative change that impacts the entire university; and

**Whereas**, the opportunity to share information, build trust and promote transparency in matters of wide community interest was lost by not communicating with the University Senate, Faculty Council or the Council of Deans the plan to move from a dual provost model to a single provost model prior to the March 28, 2019 announcement and has resulted in a climate of uncertainty and mistrust; and

**Whereas**, no clear structural plan to support the new one provost model has been articulated creating an even further climate of uncertainty, concern and mistrust.

**Be it Resolved**, the University Senate finds it necessary to stress to the Office of the President the importance of utilizing shared governance structures in place at Loyola University Chicago in the decision to move from a dual provost model to a single provost and chief academic officer model for the entire institution; and

**Be it Resolved**, the University Senate advises the Office of the President to utilize the shared governance structures in place at Loyola University Chicago to communicate plans, policies and decisions that directly impact the academic operations of the institution prior to any announcement to the larger community; and

**Be it Resolved**, the University Senate urges the Office of the President to implement a formal proposed working plan for the transition to a one provost model that is presented to the University Senate, Faculty Council and other shared governance bodies and the Council of Deans for input on the impact of said plan on the academic institution and affected constituencies.

Signed by the Chairperson of the University Senate



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Chiefly sponsored by: Executive Committee of the University

Senate Motion on the resolution presented on April 26, 2019.

Electronic Vote: 16 in favor; 1 opposed; 2 abstentions. Resolution PASSED