**What is Shared Governance and How are We Doing at WCU?**

Questions for deliberation:

Should we make shared governance more explicit in the handbook?

Should we have a member of the Board of Trustees elected by the faculty?

Should we have a faculty member on the executive council?

Are there University functions where faculty engagement is inappropriate?

Here are some relevant documents on faculty governance:

* The UNC Policy Manual Chapter 100.1 *- The Code* Section 502 Page 1 of 3

SECTION 502. CHANCELLORS OF CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS.

The chancellor shall be a member of all faculties and other academic bodies of the institution and shall have the right to preside over the deliberations of any legislative bodies of the faculties of the institution.

The chancellor shall be responsible for ensuring that there exists in the institution a faculty council or senate, a majority of whose members are elected by and from the members of the faculty. The general faculty, however, which shall include at least all full-time faculty and appropriate administrators, may function as the council or senate. The faculty shall be served by a chair elected either by the general faculty or by the council or senate. However, the chancellor may attend and preside over all meetings of the council or senate. The council or senate may advise the chancellor on any matters pertaining to the institution that are of interest and concern to the faculty.

In addition to ensuring the establishment of a council or senate, the chancellor shall ensure the establishment of appropriate procedures within the institution to provide members of the faculty the means to give advice with respect to questions of academic policy and institutional governance, with particular emphasis upon matters of curriculum, degree requirements, instructional standards, and grading criteria. The procedures for giving advice may be through the council or senate, standing or special committees or other consultative means.

* A document on “Standards of Shared Governance on the 16 UNC Campuses” Adopted by the Faculty Assembly of the University of North Carolina April 2005: <http://www.northcarolina.edu/sites/default/files/standards_of_shared_governance_faculty_assembly.pdf>
* Recent Article on Shared (or Divided) Governance in Inside Higher Ed

<https://www.insidehighered.com/views/2014/07/29/essay-new-approach-shared-governance-higher-education>

“Shared or Divided Governance?” July 29, 2014 By Brian Rosenberg

* WCU Faculty Handbook: <http://www.wcu.edu/about-wcu/leadership/office-of-the-provost/resources-for-faculty-and-staff/faculty-handbook/index.asp>
* Faculty Senate By-laws and Constitution: <http://www.wcu.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/faculty-senate-by-laws-and-constitution.asp>
* Other Links to Faculty Governance: <http://www.wcu.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-senate/faculty-governance.asp>

Includes links to SACS, AAUP, Faculty Assembly, etc.