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**Reaffirmation of University Policy Statements and Shared Governance.** Chair Bedell read the following statement regarding ASD 13-101 that was removed from *New Business* on the original A.S. Agenda:

At its May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Academic Senate had ASD 13-101 as a first reading item. The Executive Committee had proposed this Resolution out of its concern that Academic Senate Committees were not always acting in compliance with university policy. It appeared that the Committees, including their chairs, ex officio members and liaisons were not aware of the scope of their responsibilities or how to modify their charge. Hence, the Executive put the first reading item with Rationale on the agenda. On Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, the Executive Committee met with Provost Cruz, Acting VP S. García, and Chief of Staff, Ann Camp. The Executive Committee discussed the purposes of the Resolution, and Provost Cruz requested that we table it. The Executive Committee agreed to do this with the following stipulations: a) it comes off the table no later than November 1 and b) between now and November 1, the Provost and the Executive Committee will work to strengthen collegial governance. To that end, the Executive Committee will meet with each of the Academic Senate Committees to clarify their charge and the scope of their responsibilities under applicable university policies.

**Chair Bedell invited Provost Cruz to respond. Provost Cruz made the following statement:**

Given the motivations expressed last week regarding this resolution, this is an opportunity for folks in charge of university governance to come together as partners in a shared understanding of "shared governance" of this university. In a matter of weeks we will have a fully established senior leadership team with final two searches completed for Vice President of Human Resources and Vice President for Administration & Finance, CFO. We will also have a new Executive Committee. With a recently unveiled Strategic Plan, the timing seems to be right to have a campus-wide conversation around shared governance that will set the foundation for the hard work ahead. So between now and November 1, we need to be sure this conversation is underway to position ourselves for success toward a stronger Academic Senate and University.

## ***Academic Senate Minutes 11-7-13 (ASD 13-168)***

### **XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 12.1 ASD 13-101 Reaffirmation of Commitment to Shared Governance, Spring 2013 – Returning from Postponement – A.S. agenda 5-16-13

Chair Walker reviewed the history of this postponed document that was proposed and written by Executive Committee to reaffirm that committees should follow the rules set forth. Out of concern this document might be misinterpreted, it was postponed until the Provost and Executive Committee would work to strengthen collegial governance, bringing back to the A.S. a joint document no later than 11-1-13.

The following (one) motion ties together ASD 13-101 and ASD 13-163 and will complete closure on both documents after May 2014 when Executive Committee brings back ASD 13-101 for a 1-year follow-up on committee activities of their charge/functions and scope of responsibilities under applicable university policies.

M/S/P (Bedell/Mead) motion to postpone consideration of resolution document, ASD 13-101, until May 2014, and move forward to endorse ASD 13-163 joint memorandum signed by Provost Cruz and Sean Walker, Chair of Academic Senate.

- 12.2 ASD 13-163 Shared Governance Memo re Follow-up to ASD 13-101 [Source: Collaboration]

VOTE (by voice) ASD 13-101 postponed until May 2014, and endorsement of ASD 13-163 memo was approved unanimously.