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SHARED GOVERNANCE

FOR VOTE – 4/18/22

Educational Policy Committee

University Resources Policy Committee

Faculty Affairs Committee

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Proposal - revised

- The University Senate adopts the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) “Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities” [2] as a **working document outlining the principles of** shared governance, and **a** starting reference for all conversations about shared governance at Purdue-West Lafayette.
- The University Senate requests that Purdue administration and Board of Trustees meet with comprehensive Senate leadership (including standing committee chairs) to better understand this statement with the goal of joint acceptance.

Stakeholder groups

- EPC, URPC passed the original version of the legislation.
- EPC, FAC have passed the modified version of the legislation.
 - (I forgot to take it back to URPC. I'm so sorry.)
- Comments solicited from Provost Akridge, Chair Beaudoin
- Comments solicited from the Senate by email

Is it necessary, given decision authority established by state statute?

- The Statement on Government does not question the authority of the Board.
- In addition to defining the relationship of the Faculty to the Board and the President, the Statement on Government helps us improve our internal functioning and implementation of shared governance processes.
 - College level faculty committees and Senates
 - College bylaw revisions
 - Department-level faculty committees that oversee the curricula
 - The philosophy of the internal structure and workings of the Senate
 - The relationship of the Senate with areas of the administration below the President – how committees interface with the administration
 - Etc.
- So – yes.

Summary

- Faculty and the Senate can and should draw on statements about shared governance generated outside of Purdue to strengthen shared governance at Purdue.
- AAUP's Statement on Government is useful, well-established, and already commended to ACE, AGB
- PFW Senate has already established its foundation using AAUP's Statement on Government.
- This legislation only does something meaningful when we take it up in that effort. If this passes, it will be one small but necessary step in a longer effort to improve shared governance at Purdue.