

Morgan State University Board of Regents

RESOLUTION ON UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of Morgan State University instructed the President in 1986, to develop with the campus community a system of internal governance that promotes broader participation of the various constituencies of the University; reflects the University's development from a liberal arts college into a comprehensive university with five distinct colleges and schools; establishes the primacy of the role of departments and colleges/schools in matters of curriculum, appointment, promotion, tenure and other academic matters; and improves internal relations and communications within the University; and

WHEREAS, the President, after extensive involvement of faculty, students, classified employees and professional administrative staff, recommended to the Board of Regents the establishment of the University Council, whose Constitution and By-Laws were approved on November 19, 1987; and

WHEREAS, the Board reiterated in a letter dated September 7, 1989, its intent in revamping the internal governance system and provided the faculty the opportunity to explore with the President the possibility of establishing a formal constituency group that would not duplicate, overlap or otherwise conflict with the spirit and purpose of approved structures; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposal for the establishment of a Faculty Assembly, and has weighed carefully the materials related to discussions between the administration and the ad hoc faculty group on the referenced proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the University Council has evolved over the past three years into an effective forum for the faculty, students, professional and classified employees to have input into the overall operation and governance of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty has two-thirds majority vote on the University Council, with representation from each of colleges/schools and the faculty-at-large;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of Morgan State University believes strongly that the current system of internal governance is appropriate and effective, based on the organizational structure and overall status of the University at this time; and, that, given the role of the faculty in departmental and school matters and the majority vote of the faculty on the University Council through its school and University-wide representatives, the need for a separate faculty organization is not compelling and the Proposed Faculty Assembly is disapproved.

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby amends the University Council Constitution/ByLaws to delete from the membership section any reference to a separate faculty organization, specifically the faculty senate, since that body no longer exists.