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Subject: Update on Shared Governance Meeting #1
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TO: CWU Faculty, Staff, and Students
FROM: President Jim Wohlpart and the Shared Governance Group
DATE: Thursday, January 11, 2024
RE: Update on Shared Governance Meeting #1

Dear Colleagues,

The Shared Governance Group met on Friday, January 5, to begin the process of broadening our conversation about shared governance and deepening our collective work. We introduced ourselves and discussed our individual understanding of shared governance, before discussing our plans for the coming year.

We plan to meet monthly and engage with the following tasks:

- Review the draft goals of Shared Governance Group
 1. to develop an understanding of the history of shared governance in higher education;
 2. to develop our own common definition of shared governance and how it operates at CWU; and
 3. to nurture a culture where we engage generatively through aligning our priorities.
- Deepen our understanding of shared governance through completing readings from the American Association of University Professors and the Association of Governing Boards
- Review models of shared governance at other universities
- Complete a survey of CWU faculty, staff, and students, and perhaps conduct focus groups as a method for involving the university community in our collective work

As we deepen our understanding of shared governance and move forward in our work together, we expect to revise policies around shared governance, elevate the work of our shared governance groups, and create a process for systemic, cascading information and communication to the university community.

If you have any thoughts or feedback, please contact the Shared Governance Group representative in your area.

Sincerely,



A. James Wohlpart

President

On behalf of the Shared Governance Group:

- Mark Samples (Music) – Faculty Senate
- Heidi Perez (Psychology) – Academic Department Chairs Organization
- Amy Claridge (Family & Consumer Sciences) – United Faculty
- Tommy Fernandez – Exempt Staff
- Arryn Welty – Classified Staff
- Justine Eason – PSE (Public School Employees)
- Michelle Carrillo – ASCWU Board of Directors
- Elvin Delgado – Academic Affairs Administration
- Erin Black – Trustees