



## MEMORANDUM

Date: August 3, 2015

GARY L. MILLER  
*Chancellor*

To: University Community

From: Gary L. Miller, Chancellor  
Clifton Ganyard, University Committee Chair  
Joshua Goldman, Academic Staff Committee Chair  
Jan Snyder, University Staff Committee Chair

RE: Shared Governance

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, the recently adopted Wisconsin state budget included a number of non-fiscal policies, several of which affected shared governance. These changes removed language investing faculty and staff with the direct governance of the institution and redefining their role as advisory to the chancellor.

In addition, last week, Regent President Millner and UW System President Cross published a memorandum stating that the previously established Board of Regents Shared Governance Task Force would be discontinued, noting that while shared governance language had been modified, shared governance itself is retained in state statute. In addition, they noted that Chancellors will be asked to review existing procedures to ensure that they are consistent with state law.

We want to state explicitly that shared governance is highly valued at UWGB, and that it will be preserved. We intend to maintain all existing campus governance structures and procedures. In fact, we hope this will be a year in which student, staff, and faculty governance bodies will work even more closely together. As noted above, though, our structures and procedures do need to be reviewed to make sure that they are in compliance with state law. The various Shared Governance committees will conduct that review, likely with input from SOFAS Steve Meyer. If any actual changes to UWGB policy are deemed necessary, they will be pursued through the existing shared governance structure.

Feel free to contact any of us if you have questions or concerns.