CSU Faculty Council Task Force on Shared Governance Report for Fall, 2022

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Charge: Manual changes that were passed by Faculty Council in spring 2021 failed to pass the review of the Office of General Counsel that summer and hence did not become Manual language and policy. This task force will work to understand the concerns that led to the rejection of the language and will seek strategies for obtaining an improved outcome. If the task force sees fit, it may recommend new language that can be passed along to one or more standing committees such as the Committee on Faculty Governance and the Committee on the Responsibilities and Standing of Academic Faculty. If the task force gets that far, it should share the recommended changes with the Chair so that she can route the recommendations to the appropriate standing committees.

Activities: The Task Force on Shared Governance met three times during the fall of 2022 and decided to make minor modifications to the Manual language that was proposed in spring of 2021. Specifically, one clause in the proposed new language in the Preface regarding faculty involvement in the selection of administrators was struck, and new language requiring inclusion of shared governance in departmental and college codes (Sections C 2.4.1.1 and C 2.4.2.1) was added. This proposed language will be submitted to Chair Sue Doe by December 2 for dissemination to the appropriate standing committee of the Faculty Council. The Task Force will continue its activities into the spring of 2023.