

FACULTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN
UNIVERSITY INVESTMENTS AND BUDGETARY DECISIONS

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- (1) WHEREAS CSU's top priorities are student success, excellence in academic and research programs, institutional competitiveness, outreach and impact around the state of Colorado and world, and a commitment to elevating CSU as a national leader in fostering a healthy democracy;
- (2) WHEREAS these priorities are inextricably linked to faculty success and predicated upon robust engagement in shared governance at CSU;
- (3) WHEREAS achieving these institutional priorities in constrained and challenging fiscal environments requires a responsible, sustainable and comprehensive decision-making approach explicitly informed by shared governance;
- (4) WHEREAS effective decision-making demands both short- and long-term strategic choices and clarity in the processes by which investments and budgetary commitments are made;
- (5) WHEREAS present choices and budgetary decisions enable or constrain future choices and decisions;
- (6) WHEREAS investments should be strategic, equitable and beneficial across the University, as should adjustments and reductions in the University budget;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT transparency, clarity and fiduciary accountability in investment and budgetary decisions are expected of all University leadership, as well as of the broader CSU community; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT assessment and awareness of potential impacts of strategic choices should be clearly articulated, informed through shared governance, and communicated to the CSU community, especially as it relates to future financial impacts and decision-making.