

Outline of Ratification Process for Shared Governance Constitution

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September / Early October 2007 – a public comment draft of the shared governance constitution is prepared and circulated (**done**) for comment and discussion within divisions, work areas, and other constituencies. **Two open hearings are planned (Oct. 10), one in the early morning (7:30 A.M.), one during the activity period at 11 A.M.) The Senate, which meets that day, will also have the Constitution on its agenda.** Comments would be due back NLT October 15

On or about October 1 – Announcement of November 7, 2007 Special Meeting of the Professional Association. Purpose of meeting – to approve a ratification process for the Shared Governance Constitution. At the same time, this announcement would be posted on-line and otherwise shared with all constituencies.

Late October/Early November 2007 – Committee prepares a final version of the Shared Governance Constitution. (**target date – November 1**)

November 7, 2007 – Special meeting of the Professional Association.
Agenda: (1) Move to suspend rules to permit those not afforded Full or Associate Membership the right to speak. 2). Move to authorize a campus-wide **vote** on the Shared Governance Constitution as a successor governance structure for the campus.
If the motion fails, the Committee reports back to the Senate for further instructions.

November 2007 – Release of the revised constitution (version to be voted on in **December.**) Possible All-College Meeting to discuss the Constitution prior to voting.

December 4 & 5, 2007 – Shared Governance Constitution **vote conducted on-line, with a paper ballot procedure for those technical and classified people not having Banner access.**

If the referendum fails to approve the constitution, the committee reports back to the Senate for further instructions.

January through May 2008 – Assuming referendum is successful, elections and preparations (calendar, staffing) for new governance structure (the existing Professional Association/Senate governance structure remains in force).

Late August 2008 – Shared governance organizes and begins operation, replacing the Professional Association/Senate governance structure.