

**MEC RESOLUTION ON SUPPORTING SHARED GOVERNANCE  
AT THE COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND  
OCTOBER 19, 2021**

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A Prior Resolution on the Nature of Shared Governance at the College of Staten Island for Consideration at the University Faculty Senate (UFS) September 28, 2021 Plenary Session Prepared and Approved by the body. **The following resolution is adapted and based on historical events at MEC and immediate past events.**

WHEREAS, the College of Staten Island's (CSI) governance plan states that Chairs of the Bylaws Committee and Faculty Senate including four full time at-large instructional staff who may recommend changes to the governance plan (Section 1g, 2), and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws Committee and appointed instructional staff were not consulted on this revision, and

WHEREAS, even in the new draft of the governance plan the CSI College Senate is responsible for "Consider[ing] and recommend[ing] revisions to the Governance Plan as needed" (Article II. A. 2. e.), and

WHEREAS, the President of the College of Staten Island has repeatedly claimed he need not be bound by a failed referendum on his changes to the governance plan and take his proposed replacement plan to the Board of Trustees, clearly stating any CUNY College President may dismiss their faculty and deal directly with the board, and

WHEREAS, the 2013 passage of a governance plan by the Board of Trustees violated CUNY Bylaw 2.08 and disenfranchised the college community of input, and

WHEREAS, the CUNY Board of Trustees has argued for broad representation in the development of campus governance plans, and

WHEREAS, the Medgar Evers College Faculty has experienced a violation of this argument via the imposition of a governance plan in 2013 without the approval of the College Council or Faculty Senate or any other representative body of the College, and

WHEREAS, Council of Faculty Governance Leaders (FGLs) supported a resolution by voice vote during attendance at a meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the CUNY campus faculty bodies must protect the integrity of faculty governance, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Medgar Evers Faculty Senate upholds CSI's right to faculty representation in making and approving changes to the governance plan in accord with Bylaw 2.08, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CSI President will recognize and respect the faculty vote on the CSI President's governance plan referendum.