

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

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

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.),

WHEREAS the CSI President has drafted a governance plan that endows himself with the unilateral control of the College's curriculum, a cornerstone of shared governance,

WHEREAS, the CSI President has begun revising the CSI faculty handbook based on un-approved changes to the aforementioned governance plan,

WHEREAS, the President of the College of Staten Island has repeatedly claimed he need not be bound by a failed referendum from taking his proposed replacement plan to the Board of Trustees, essentially stating that any CUNY College President can unilaterally propose governance plan changes to the board.

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

WHEREAS, Council of Faculty Governance Leaders (FGLs) supports this resolution,

WHEREAS, the University Faculty Senate must protect the integrity of faculty governance,

BE IT RESOLVED that CUNY University Faculty Senate upholds CSI's right to faculty representation in making and approving changes to the governance plan,

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

And BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that CSI administration make no changes to the CSI Faculty Handbook prior to a CSI College Senate vote on the referendum.