



## **From the President's Desk – Reaffirmation of Shared Governance** *February 7, 2013*

Dear Colleagues:

During the past year, a specially convened task force comprised of members of Faculty Senate leadership, Staff Advisory Council (SAC), Student Government Association, and University Administration worked diligently to develop a document that codifies the definition, purpose and core principles of shared governance at Florida Gulf Coast University.

The attached document, “A Reaffirmation of Shared Governance at FGCU,” is the result of that successful effort. It is important to note that shared governance has been a guiding principle of Florida Gulf Coast University since its inception. This document serves to reaffirm this important principle by memorializing the values and practices associated with it. When I met with leaders of the four stakeholder groups at their first meeting last year, I indicated my support for this work and the value of it for FGCU.

The document, “A Reaffirmation of Shared Governance,” will remind us and demonstrate to others this important component of our value system. I want to thank the members of the task force for their contributions and leadership in this important work. The task force members were:

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