

Resolution to Reaffirm the University's Commitment to Shared Governance

the Student Senate is the elected voice of the approximately 9,200 students who attend Stockton University; and,

on Stockton University's past forms of both unitary and federated governance, as described by Robert Helsabeck in the University's celebratory publication, ; and,

the current system of federated governance using representative bodies has been the most successful in the University's history; and,

the condition Helsabeck states the effectiveness of shared governance ultimately depends on, which is "the good will of the players"; and,

the drastic changes to new student programming, specifically the cancellation of Stockton's Outdoor Adventure Retreat (SOAR) and TRANSFER-mation, made by the Vice President of Student Affairs Office; and,

the decision to make these cuts without seeking student input; and,

the manner in which student quau. Š

reinstate these programs that gathered over 2,000 signatures, were ignored by the administration; and,

that this decision could set a dangerous precedent of disregarding Stockton's system of sk

cooperative relationship between the Senate and the Stockton administration following an abnormal

trust between the student body, the Student Senate, and the Stockton administration can be restored by the administration through demonstrating an unequivocal recommitment to a system of shared governance; and,

the Vice President of Student Affairs to release a joint statement with the Student Senate stating this recommitment to shared governance; and,

a distinct plan to guarantee the inclusion of student input in the creation of new student programming be created by the Vice President of Student Affairs Office in conjunction with the Student Senate;

the Stockton University Student Senate hereby submits this resolution to Vice President of Student Affairs Catching, President Kesselman, and the Executive Cabinet.

Vice President Catching to address this resolution by April 12, 2019.