

### University Governance Senate Resolution

In its statement on governance, the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities, the national organization of such bodies, emphasizes the primary role of the faculty and the board in the search for a president, including specifications for a search committee:

[T]he numbers from each constituency should reflect both the primacy of faculty concerns and the range of other groups, including students, that have a legitimate claim to some involvement. Each major group should elect its own members to serve on the committee, and the rules governing the search should be arrived at jointly.

The statement released yesterday by the chair of the AU Board of Trustees contradicts this principle and is contrary to the notion of shared governance that has made American universities, including our own, great.

Following the precedent of past academic regulations, faculty and student search-committee members should be elected by the bodies they represent. In addition, faculty and students must demand a broader role in the search for our new leader:

- 1) A number of full voting faculty committee members equal to the number of full voting trustee committee members.
- 2) A significant role for the faculty representatives in formulating search procedures, including communication and consultation with faculty, staff, and students at appropriate times and in appropriate settings.
- 3) An appropriate number of full voting student members, at least one each representing our undergraduate, graduate, and law students.

The Senate chair will immediately and directly communicate this resolution to the chair of the Board of Trustees.