

University Senate

Resolution: Video-Conferencing Access to Shared-Governance meetings

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The University Senate requests video conferencing options be widely adopted for all shared-governance meetings normally open to the University Community, particularly those conducted by University units, such as the Board of Trustees, colleges and schools, department meetings, Union general meetings, Graduate Council, University curriculum-committee meetings, etc.

Background

Video conferencing invites the participation of the University Community more broadly, regardless of their physical location. As the conditions of the current Global Pandemic evolve, video conferencing allows community members in isolation or quarantine to attend. Moreover, access by video conference improves accessibility for our disabled community members. Accessibility practices built into video conferencing include live captions and the possibility of a moderator to read chat threads aloud.