

Academic Senate

Resolution 19/20-02

WHEREAS the Academic Senate believes that open and honest communication about significant policies, programs, and problems is crucial to create a culture of trust and an effective system of shared governance at the University of Southern California;

WHEREAS members of the University's administration and Board of Trustees have expressed a desire to develop a culture of trust by being more open and candid about significant policies, programs, and problems;

WHEREAS the University has investigated and plans to continue investigating the causes of serious management problems at the University over the last few years, which culminated in a series of scandals relating to the appointment and reappointment of deans, hiring practices related to groups of faculty from other universities, admissions, athletic programs, and the reporting and investigation of employee misconduct, including sexual harassment and abuse.

WHEREAS many members of the University community believe that a better understanding of the causes of these problems will allow the University community to work with the University administration to avoid future, similar problems;

WHEREAS the Academic Senate recognizes that the University's new leaders are in the process of reassessing and determining ways to improve the University's policies, procedures, and programs to avoid similar problems in the future;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Senate calls upon the University administration to prepare and publicly release written analyses of the root causes of the recent problems, and the steps that the University has taken and will take to prevent similar problems and to create a University culture that includes open and candid communication.

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Date: November 20, 2019

Motion by: Executive Board

(No second required when moved by committee)

Action taken: passed with 38 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention