Faculty Senate Support for the Creation of the Staff Senate

Whereas, shared governance is essential at Stockton University,

Whereas, the <u>Presidential Taskforce on Shared Governance Report</u> recommends that we "collaborate to establish policies that encourage and support significant faculty and staff participation in governance",

Whereas, the <u>Strategic Planning Committee on Campus Community, Communication, & Shared Governance</u> encourages the development of strategies that "empower staff, alongside our faculty, staff, and students, and administration- to share in the governance of our institution",

Whereas, Faculty Senate is a representative voice of all faculty,

Whereas, faculty recognize the importance of integrating staff into University governance and affairs,

Whereas, there is a need to establish a body that formally represents staff voices in University governance and helps disseminate information about initiatives, programs, and policies to staff and other community stakeholders, now therefore, be

Resolved that (#1), Faculty Senate endorses and encourages the creation of the Staff Senate, and be it further

Resolved that (#2), faculty leaders commit to providing inputs to support formation (such as assistance with the constitution & by-laws) of the Staff Senate, and be it further

Resolved that (#3), a core group of Staff members be self-identified to initiate the formation of Staff Senate, and be it further

Resolved that (#4), that University Administration should support the creation of Staff Senate, and be it further

Resolved that (#5) that this resolution be sent to the Director of Human Resources and the Provost with a copy to the President.