

**ASU Faculty Senate Motion for April 6, 2012 Faculty Senate Meeting Regarding
Destruction of 19 Faculty Homes Including the V.C. Kays Home, Grounds, and the
Construction of Sorority Dorms/Houses**

The ASU Faculty Senate calls upon the ASU Faculty Senate Executive Committee to formally request the Shared Governance Oversight Committee (SGOC) to investigate whether university planners supplied the Building, Grounds, and Facilities Shared Governance Committee with a plan/proposal to destroy 19 faculty homes (many currently occupied by ASU faculty) including the historic President V.C. Kays home on Aggie Road, alter the grounds, and construct sorority dorms/houses on the property. Furthermore, if university planners did present a plan to the Building, Grounds, and Facilities Committee the ASU Faculty Senate calls for copies of all minutes and votes specific to this plan for Faculty Senate review. If a plan was not submitted to the Building, Grounds and Facilities Committee the Faculty Senate Executive Committee request that the SGOC conduct a formal review of this matter to determine if there has been a possible violation of ASU Shared Governance practices in accord with the current Board of Trustees approved Faculty Handbook and report any findings to the ASU Faculty Senate.

Relevant sections of the current Board of Trustees approved ASU Faculty Handbook are quoted and provided below. Yellow highlight has been added for emphasis:

“I.b.3. Shared Governance Definition:

The University operates on the basis of a shared governance system in which administrators, faculty, staff, and students participate in the governance of the institution. Shared governance consists of a defined role for administration, faculty, staff, and students in proposing or influencing important policy and other decisions that affect the institution. Because all constituent groups depend on each other to advance the goals of the University, this participation must be real and based on the principle that each group has the largest influence in matters that concern it most. For example, faculty should be involved in areas of strategic and budget planning, faculty and staff welfare, creation and elimination of academic programs, selection of academic and administrative officers, campus planning and development, and organizational accountability. These functions are exercised primarily through Shared Governance Committees.”

“Communication and Accountability:

- Successful shared governance relies upon consistent, accurate, and timely communication that is multidirectional.”

“I.c.6. Institutional Governance Committees:

Buildings, Grounds, and Facilities Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Facilities Committee reviews space utilization, facility planning, campus improvements, facility maintenance, and campus appearance. The committee will review any concerns about the aforementioned made by faculty, staff, or students. Membership consists of the Executive Staff; one dean appointed by the Academic Deans Council; one chair appointed by the Chairs Council; the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management; two faculty members appointed by the Faculty Senate; the chair of the Disability Services Committee; two staff members appointed by the Staff Senate; one undergraduate student appointed by the SGA; and one graduate student appointed by the GSC. The committee reports to the Vice