

Hello,

I am responding to a request for comment with respect to a Senate meeting today on university board structures (as a faculty at EOU). I may have missed the meeting start time, but it's short:

- EOU's board does not represent the interests of the workplace. Well, they do, but only from the perspective of senior leadership. The president seemingly has access when he wants, the board limits input to public comment 3 times per year at meetings, and reports from shared governance leaders (where questions or critical comments in the past have been met with mostly silence).
- There is one staff and one faculty member, and one student, none are charged with representing their constituents. Hence the board is out of touch with the on-the-ground workforce of the organization it is to represent. If that workforce has [criticisms of leadership](#), they are not heard. There are no channels of communication, nor any seeming desire to create or formalize any.

Regards,

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