On November 17, 2010, the Senate passed the following resolution:

R 10 11 01. THE SENATE PRESIDENT SHALL FORM AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO FORMALIZE PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING FACULTY PARTICIPATION IN SEARCH COMMITTEES. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT THESE PROCEDURES TO THE SENATE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FEBRUARY 2011 SENATE MEETING.

Subsequently, Senate President Karen Koza appointed William Petkanas and Senators Daniel Barrett, Sara Deloughey, Jamie Begian, and Nancy Heilbronner. Senator Barrett was appointed chair. The committee developed the resolution appended below and submitted it for consideration at the February 16, 2011, meeting. Since this constituted a change in policy, the vote was postponed until the March 16th meeting.

On March 16th, the Senate voted 21-0-0 in favor of this resolution. However, University President James Schmotter declined to enact it.

IT IS THE WILL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE THAT THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT, PROVOST, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATOR CONSULT WITH THE SENATE PRESIDENT REGARDING THE SELECTION OF TEACHING FACULTY MEMBERS TO SERVE ON SEARCH COMMITTEES AS SPECIFIED BELOW. SUCH CONSULTATION SHALL OCCUR BEFORE FACULTY ARE CHOSEN TO SERVE ON SEARCH COMMITTEES FOR POSITIONS THAT SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROVOST, VICE PRESIDENTS, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENTS, LIBRARY DIRECTOR, DEANS, CIO, AND ASSISTANT DEANS.

ONCE THE SENATE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN ASKED TO RECOMMEND FACULTY MEMBERS, HE/SHE (OR DESIGNEE) SHALL:

DISSEMINATE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, A NOTICE TO ALL FACULTY ANNOUNCING THE FORMATION OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE AND SOLICITING THE NAMES OF FACULTY WHO ARE WILLING TO SERVE. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL SPECIFY THE DEADLINE BY WHICH THESE NAMES MUST BE SUBMITTED, AND THIS DEADLINE SHALL BE NO SOONER THAN 7 DAYS FOLLOWING THE DISSEMINATION OF THE CALL FOR SERVICE.

THE SENATE PRESIDENT SHALL GATHER THESE NAMES AND SUBMIT THE ENTIRE LIST TO THE APPROPRIATE HIRING AUTHORITY, AND HAS THE OPTION OF RECOMMENDING SPECIFIC MEMBERS FROM AMONG THIS LIST TO SERVE ON THE SEARCH COMMITTEE. THE SENATE PRESIDENT MAY SUPPLEMENT THIS LIST BY INCLUDING FACULTY WHO WERE NOT NOMINATED VIA THE ABOVE PROCESS.

THE APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO THE FACULTY MEMBERS INCLUDED ON THIS LIST WHEN MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE CORRESPONDING SEARCH COMMITTEE. FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD
IDEALLY REPRESENT A BROAD SPECTRUM OF THE TEACHING FACULTY, INCLUDING FACULTY OF VARIOUS RANKS, BOTH TENURED AND NON-TENURED, AND FROM SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS, AS APPROPRIATE.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair