RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR HIRING AN INTERNAL CHAIR

WHEREAS chair searches have become increasingly internal searches rather than external searches; and

WHEREAS a chair has the most impact on a faculty member’s working life of all administrative positions; and

WHEREAS deans and the provost have no obligation to act upon faculty recommendations and desires; and

WHEREAS no uniform procedure exists to hire an internal chair;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate will craft a procedure to hire an internal chair that grants the department’s or program’s faculty the right to choose their chair.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that once these procedures are approved by the Faculty Senate, that they be forwarded to the *Faculty Handbook* Committee for consideration to be included in the *Faculty Handbook* in the same manner as procedures for hiring tenure-track positions are included in the *Faculty Handbook*.