A resolution proposed by Senators Christman and Winden Fey on behalf of Unaffiliated Faculty

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WHEREAS, Article II Section 1. Of the Faculty Senate Constitution states that “the senate shall have responsibility to review university policies in areas which directly pertain to the academic function of UCA, such as curriculum and standards; academic programs; faculty affairs; and continuing education,” which are areas that concern and impact all faculty, and

WHEREAS, Article II Section 3 of the Faculty Senate Constitution states that a key function of the Senate is to “provide for representation of the faculty in matters affecting the welfare of the faculty,” and

WHEREAS, it is the clear intent of the Faculty Senate Constitution to provide assured and direct representation for all faculty, in that each college is granted such assured and direct representation, and

WHEREAS, there is currently no such assured or direct representation for the thirty-two or more faculty whose position does not currently reside within one of the six academic colleges (heretofore referred to as the “Unaffiliated” faculty), which includes faculty in the Honors College, University College, Library, and 12-month employees with teaching responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, the concerns, interests, and perspectives of these faculty are too easily overlooked or omitted in reviews of policies and practices regarding curriculum, programs, budgeting, assessment and planning, salary and employment issues, and other such policy reviews without the involvement of direct faculty representatives, and

WHEREAS, such oversight and omissions thereby hinder the Senate’s fulfillment of its assigned charge “to serve as the representative body of the faculty of UCA” in the review of university policy, and

WHEREAS, in practice but not in policy at-large faculty senators have been given indirect responsibility for representing the unaffiliated faculty, rather than serving as intended as “at-large” representatives,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Central Arkansas Faculty Senate advocates for amending the Faculty Senate Constitution such that it include two (2) Unaffiliated Faculty Senator positions and four (4) At-Large Faculty Senator positions. Faculty Senate recommends that such representation be outlined in the Constitution as follows:

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1. College Senators: Three (3) Faculty Association members from each academic college of the university shall be elected by a secret ballot of the Faculty Association of the respective colleges in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

2. Unaffiliated Faculty Senators: Two (2) Faculty Association members from among the Unaffiliated faculty shall be elected by a secret ballot of the Faculty Association members who are unaffiliated with any of the academic colleges in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

3. At-Large Senators: Four (4) Faculty Association members shall be elected by a vote of the entire Faculty Association.