**Resolution for Honors College Faculty Tenure and Promotion/Advancement**

***Whereas***, the Honors College has a unique role in this institution and many other institutions across the United States; and

***Whereas***, the Honors College does not presently operate within, and there is no immediate plan to place the Honors College under, any other academic College on campus; and

***Whereas***, the Honors College faculty are not able to follow the promotion and tenure procedures for affiliated faculty, involving department and subsequent College level review of tenure, promotion, or advancement at this institution; and

***Whereas***, the present procedures for tenure and promotion of faculty in the Honors College are defined within the Faculty Handbook (under *Special Faculty Appointments*) and are therefore under the review and purview of the Faculty Senate; and

***Whereas***, presently there are falsely stated, unclear, or contradictory statements within the sections of the Faculty Handbook concerning tenure and promotion of the Honors College faculty; and

***Whereas***, all faculty positions in the Honors College are fully funded through the Honors College and not through any other discipline-related department on campus (there are presently no dual appointments within the Honors College faculty), but the Honors College must share these appointments with other departments and not realize the full focus of the faculty they employ; and

***Whereas***, any faculty member should have only one non-conflicting criteria to follow for tenure, promotion, or advancement when hired at this University in a faculty line; and

***Whereas***, there are several faculty in other departments on campus residing and teaching in a department not directly connected to their original area of discipline;

***Therefore, Be It Resolved That:***

 The Faculty Senate moves to refer the following replacement language to the Faculty Handbook Committee to be included in the appropriate section in the revisions to the Handbook:

**Chapter 3: Faculty Principles, Policies, and Procedures**

*Section III: Faculty Appointment/Part C. Special Faculty Appointments/2. Honors College Faculty (p. 19)*

Honors College faculty may hold the tenurable academic rank of assistant professor, associate professor, or professor. Non-tenure track faculty may be appointed and advanced to the ranks of lecturer I, lecturer II, and senior lecturer.

The procedures for advancement, promotion, and tenure of the Honors College faculty will be the same as those procedures for other faculty. The responsibilities of a department chair will be fulfilled by the assistant dean; the role of the college-level committee will be assumed by the tenured members of the Honors Council (in the case of a member of the Honors Council does not hold tenure, a tenured faculty member alternate will be appointed by the appropriate academic dean.)

***Be It Also Resolved that****:*

*Section VI: Procedures for Tenure/Promotion/Part F. Special Provision for Honors College Faculty (p. 30) and Chapter 3, Section II: General Policies/Part A. Recruiting Policies (pg. 13)* be stricken in its entirety as all this language is not necessary without the requirement for joint appointments.

***Be It Also Resolved That:***

Any change in the language of the Handbook involving the Honors College be brought back to the Faculty Senate for final vote before the end of the sessions scheduled for the Faculty Senate in the 2016-2017 academic calendar.