RESOLUTION CONCERNING PARTICIPATION

IN THE NATIONAL SCHOOL WALKOUT ON MARCH 14TH, 2018

WHEREAS freedom of thought and expression are essential to the vitality of institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS high-school students across the United States have organized the National School Walkout on March 14th, 2018 to encourage the U.S. Congress to consider actionable legislation in response to gun violence, and to honor the students and school staff members killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida; and

WHEREAS the walkout will consist of seventeen minutes of peaceful demonstration at 10:00 a.m on Wednesday, March 14th, while classes are in session, possibly resulting in disciplinary action by high schools; and

WHEREAS colleges and universities nationwide have explicitly stated that high-school students applying (or already admitted) to their institutions will not be penalized for meaningful and peaceful participation in this walkout; and

WHEREAS UCA is an institution of higher learning and supports the freedoms of thought and expression by students who have applied for or gained admission,

WHEREAS UCA supports peaceful participation by students, faculty, and staff in demonstrations provided these participants adhere to departmental, college, and university policies as well as those policies outlined in course syllabi,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the UCA Faculty Senate supports the freedom of applicants to UCA, as well as faculty, staff, and students at UCA to participate peacefully in the National School Walkout without any penalty;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the University of Central Arkansas Faculty Senate send this resolution to the University of Central Arkansas Board of Trustees.