Proposal for University Senate Resolution

We, the faculty, are, first and foremost, committed to maintaining the core educational mission of the university, which aims to respond directly to the needs of the students, community, and region. We, the faculty, therefore believe that preservation of the Academic Affairs unit is vital to this mission. We trust that all decisions concerning forthcoming budget cuts will protect the integrity and quality of the essential instructional and academic aspect of this unit. Therefore, though the Academic Affairs unit constitutes the majority of the University’s operating costs, we trust the budget cuts will be differentiated, minimizing the amount directly related to academic programs and personnel.

We, the faculty, trust that all decisions related to the future of the university will be transparent and accountable, accompanied by a rationale that demonstrates how these decisions advance and preserve the university faculty’s primary goal of educational instruction. We expect the opportunity to see and respond to the institutional budget cut proposal (at a sufficient level of aggregation so that individual faculty members cannot be identified) prior to its being implemented.