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2                   **Resolution in Support of Postponing Sale of the Y Cross Ranch**  
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4                   **WHEREAS**, the Y Cross ranch in Albany and Laramie counties, comprising 60,000 acres of land,  
5 ranch buildings, residences, several creeks and reservoirs, ranch and farm equipment, and cattle was  
6 donated to UW and CSU 14 years ago for educational and scientific purposes; and  
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8                   **WHEREAS**, the ranch has undergone major improvements in the past 14 years, generating an  
9 annual profit of \$457,000 as of 6/30/2012; and  
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11                   **WHEREAS**, the two universities are selling the ranch by a sealed bid process by November 13,  
12 2012; and  
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14                   **WHEREAS** some arguments made by the Foundation in favoring a sale such as its distant  
15 location and inaccessibility due to weather conditions appear spurious; and  
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17                   **WHEREAS**, little effort was made in the past 14 years to promote use of the facility to faculty,  
18 staff and students across campus as documented in a recent informal survey; and  
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20                   **WHEREAS**, the donor of the ranch, Ms. Amy Davis, publicly expressed regret about donating  
21 the ranch since UW did not made creative use of it as a teaching tool; and  
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23                   **WHEREAS**, the presence of a likely buyer on the UW Foundation board and the Y Cross  
24 management board, and a recent unsolicited bid for the ranch, creates the impression of a conflict of  
25 interest; and  
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27                   **WHEREAS**, neither the UW Foundation nor the dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural  
28 Resources clarified how proceeds of the sale will be used to benefit students.  
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30                   **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate  
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- 32                   • Requests that sale of the Y Cross ranch by the University of Wyoming be postponed for five (5)  
33 years.  
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- 35                   • Urges the UW Foundation and the Dean of the College of Agriculture to use the 5 year hiatus to  
36 make faculty, staff and students across campus aware of the resource so that there is  
37 opportunity for it to be used for its intended purpose.  
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- 39                   • Requests that use for teaching, research and other purposes by UW employees and students on  
40 the Y Cross be documented.  
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- 42                   • Recommends that at the end of the 5 year period an advisory committee, including  
43 representation from each college whose faculty used the ranch for teaching and research, be  
44 established to make a formal public recommend to the Foundation about whether the ranch be  
45 retained as a teaching and research tool at UW, or alternatively sold by sealed bid.