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6 **RESOLUTION FOR PARITY OF WOMEN AND MEN ON UW'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
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12 **WHEREAS**, in 2015 the Governor of Wyoming will nominate at least four new members to the
13 University of Wyoming's Board of Trustees to be approved with the advice and consent of the
14 Senate of the State of Wyoming;

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16 **AND WHEREAS**, our university logo proudly displays the word *Equality*;

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18 **AND WHEREAS**, Wyoming is *The Equality State*;

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20 **AND WHEREAS**, Trustees are expected to represent various interests of the public at large, and
21 to reflect the concerns of Wyoming's citizens to the university;¹

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23 **AND WHEREAS**, women comprise 49% of the state's population;²

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25 **AND WHEREAS**, women comprise 52.5% and 52.6% respectively of UW's undergraduate and
26 graduate student body;³

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28 **AND WHEREAS**, women comprise 39.4% of UW's instructional faculty;⁴

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30 **AND WHEREAS**, research indicates that a group's collective intelligence is improved by women's
31 greater social sensitivity and ability to draw inferences;⁵

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33 **AND WHEREAS**, between 2003 and 2014 (Freudenthal and Mead administrations) a total of 19
34 men and 6 women served as voting members of the UW's Board of Trustees, which equals 179
35 appointment years for men and only 37 appointment years for women;

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37 **AND WHEREAS**, during the last two governors' administrations, 9 men and no women served 12
38 or more years on the board;

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40 **AND WHEREAS**, the current Board of Trustees comprises two women and 9 men, with one
41 vacancy; therefore,

42 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Faculty Senate requests the Governor of Wyoming nominate more
43 women to the Board of Trustees to be approved by the Wyoming Senate so that the Board
44 more closely approximates parity of women and men and thereby more fully represents all the
45 people of Wyoming.
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***AUTHENTICATION:** The foregoing Senate Resolution 326, as amended, duly adopted by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming under date of December 15, 2014, is hereby transmitted to the President of the University of Wyoming for review in accordance with UW Regulations.*

/s/

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