RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXPANSION OF
POSITIONS IN FACULTY SENATE

WHEREAS, UW Regulation 6-700, Article II, § 4(c)(1) (Bylaws of the University Faculty) states that Senators shall be elected “by the academic departmental units of the University Faculty;”

AND WHEREAS, the concept of an academic departmental unit has expanded to include programs, divisions, and schools with University Faculty whose lines are unique to those programs, divisions, and schools and, as such, are disenfranchised under the current system of representation;

AND WHEREAS it is important to represent the interests of University Faculty in all divisions, programs and schools at UW, particularly when diverging interests exist; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in the interest of honoring those units' autonomy and rights to self-determination and democratic participation in UW's shared governance, the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming interprets the term “academic departmental unit” to include programs, divisions, and schools with University Faculty whose lines are unique to those programs, divisions, and schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT programs, divisions and schools with at least three University Faculty members whose lines are not funded by at least 50% within any other academic unit be allowed to petition for representation on Faculty Senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, effective Academic Year 2015-2016, petitions for representation be made to Faculty Senate Executive Committee using the attached format, will be approved or denied by majority vote.
APPENDIX A:

PETITION FOR REPRESENTATION ON FACULTY SENATE

Date of Application:

Name of unit requesting representation:

Number of current University Faculty within the unit¹:

Number of current faculty members whose lines are 50% or more funded in another unit:

Contact:

Contact email:

Contact phone number:

Date presented to Executive Committee:

Action taken: _____ Approved or _____ Disapproved

Signed: Secretary, Faculty Senate

¹ “The University Faculty” includes all persons classified as voting academic personnel whose majority line is in that unit. Voting academic personnel include, per UW Regulation 1-1, “Organization of the University”, III. A., “Academic Personnel”: professors of all ranks (professor, associate, assistant, or instructor), librarians of all ranks, archivists of all ranks, and academic professionals of all ranks (lecturers, research scientists, extension educators, and postdoctoral associates).