## RESOLUTION FOR PARITY OF WOMEN AND MEN ON UW'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Wyoming recently nominated and the Wyoming Senate approved 4 men and no women to serve on the Board of Trustees, resulting in 10 men and 2 women as voting members;

AND WHEREAS, our University logo proudly displays the word Equality;

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

**AND WHEREAS**, the corporate seal of the Trustees of the University is inscribed with the word *Equality*;

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

AND WHEREAS, women comprise 53% of UW's student body;

AND WHEREAS, women comprise 41% of UW's faculty members;

**AND WHEREAS**, during UW's 130-year history, 15.2% of appointment years went to women with the remaining 84.8% of appointment years going to men;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Faculty Senate in 2014 passed Resolution 326, requesting the Governor to nominate more women to the Board, given a historical pattern of predominantly male appointees;

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

**AND WHEREAS**, the Faculty Senate considers that diversity of background, thought and experience is a prerequisite for an effective and representative Board of Trustees; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** Faculty Senate requests the Governor of Wyoming to give thoughtful consideration to nominating women at each opportunity as vacant Trustee positions arise; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** as the University's duly appointed spokesperson, the President of UW will advocate publicly for greater gender diversity on the Board of Trustees.

**AUTHENTICATION:** The foregoing Faculty Senate Resolution 337, as amended, duly adopted by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming under date of March 27, 2017, is hereby transmitted to the President of the University of Wyoming for review in accordance with UW Regulations.

Scott R. Shaw

Chair of the Faculty Senate

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