Faculty Senate Resolution 345, as amended   **Introduced by**
                                                    Donal O'Toole, Faculty Senator
                                                    Veterinary Sciences

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
THE PILOT HILL PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Laramie and Albany County community has an opportunity to buy 5,472 acres of private land, called the Pilot Hill property, for conversion into public and recreational space; and

WHEREAS, the land would create an accessible corridor connecting the City of Laramie to other large tracts of public lands; and

WHEREAS, such a purchase will help protect a portion of the Casper aquifer; and

WHEREAS, public access to wild lands improves our quality of life and mental health, protects wildlife habitat, boosts economic growth, and improves the ability of local employers, including the University of Wyoming, to attract and retain employees; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the benefits to the community as a whole, the Pilot Hill land has significant and wide-ranging education, research, service and extension opportunities for students, staff and faculty at the University of Wyoming ; and

WHEREAS, the purchase cost is $10.5M, with additional money needed for future management; and

WHEREAS, the community is trying to develop means and methods to purchase the Pilot Hill property, which may include forming financial and management partnerships with appropriate stakeholders; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate supports the University of Wyoming exploring financial and management partnerships to acquire the Pilot Hill project land and securing educational, research, service, and extension opportunities for UW students, staff, and faculty.

AUTHENTICATION: *The foregoing Faculty Senate Resolution 345, as amended, duly adopted by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming under date of September 24, 2018, is hereby transmitted to the President of the University of Wyoming for review in accordance with UW Regulations.*

Clifford J. Marks
Secretary of the Faculty Senate