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Resolution to Amend Bylaws to Allow for Creation of Special Advisory Committees:

WHEREAS, the University of South Alabama Faculty Senate Constitution states, in its Second Article, section 2.1, that “the Faculty Senate Represents the University Faculty at large”, and,

WHEREAS, as a part of this representation, the Faculty Senate has recognized the need to better represent members of the faculty at large, such as Adjunct Faculty or other part-time Faculty, and,

WHEREAS, Adjunct or other part-time Faculty cannot serve on the Faculty Senate, since the Faculty Senate Constitution restricts eligibility to full-time Faculty (Article II, section 2.1), and,

WHEREAS, Adjunct or other part-time Faculty consequently cannot serve on any standing committees of the Faculty Senate, membership on which is restricted by the University of South Alabama Faculty Senate Bylaws to Faculty Senators (Bylaw 3, Section 1.1), and,

WHEREAS, Faculty Senate ad hoc committees are limited to specific issues and are of limited duration, and are thus not suitable vehicles for representing the ongoing interests of Adjunct or other part-time Faculty, and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of a new category of standing Faculty Senate Committee, which allows for the inclusion of Faculty Members who are not, or are not eligible to be, Faculty Senators, would enable the Faculty Senate to better represent such Faculty Members,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bylaw 3 of the University of South Alabama Faculty Senate Bylaws shall be amended to include a Ninth Section as follows:

Section 9. Advisory Committee Establishment and Structure

- 9.1 The Faculty Senate may establish Advisory Committees to deal with issues that are not addressed by Standing

Committees or ad hoc Committees. Members of the Faculty Senate as well as other qualified persons from within the University community may be requested to serve on these committees. Motions to establish Advisory Committees shall include the name of the committee, its charge, the term of service of committee members, and its size and composition. Following discussion by the Senate Body at a regular or special meeting of the Faculty Senate, a vote will be taken and the Faculty Senate Advisory Committee will be established if a two-thirds majority of a quorum at the meeting is reached. Members of Advisory Committees shall be nominated from the Faculty Senate at large, who shall submit nominations to the Secretary of the Faculty Senate. The President of the Faculty Senate, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall appoint Advisory Committee members from the pool of nominees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bylaw 3, Section 1 (“Committee Structure”), sub-section 1.1, shall have its first sentence amended to read as follows:

- 1.1 The Faculty Senate shall establish Standing, ad hoc, and Advisory Committees that represent faculty interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bylaw 3, section 7, shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 7. Dissolution of a Faculty Senate Standing or Advisory Committee

- 7.1 If a Faculty Senate Standing or Advisory Committee is no longer considered to be necessary it may be dissolved following presentation, discussion, and a simple majority vote of members at a general or special meeting of the Faculty Senate.