**Resolution related to restructuring for 9/17/21 special Senate meeting**

Whereas the University Structure Committee, established to develop a proposal for the reorganization of schools and colleges within the University, did not include representation from all schools and colleges;

Whereas the schools and colleges involved in proposed mergers were invited to vote on the proposal pursuant to Faculty Guide section 11.4, but that the timeframe allocated for deliberation, from late April to the end of June, was inadequate for deliberation, especially because it coincided with the busy end of the academic year;

Whereas the Structure Committee’s draft proposals could have gone to the college and school faculty bodies and the Senate--with ample time to review and debate--and then their comments could have gone back to the Committee for them to consider. This give and take might then have addressed faculty concerns that no broader input was solicited during the development of the proposal; this might also have resulted in better proposals.

Whereas three out of the four schools proposed for mergers voted “no” on the proposal, and comments regarding the proposal on the website and from town hall meetings reflected overall negative sentiment about the proposals;

Therefore, the Faculty Senate respectfully calls upon the Board of Regents to reject the proposal for consolidation of schools and colleges and to remand the proposal to the Structure Committee for further deliberation in conjunction with the faculty of the relevant schools and colleges and the Faculty Senate through their normal faculty governance processes.