Whereas Dr. Courtney Smith has served with distinction as the Acting Dean of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations since August 2019, and before that, since 2005, as Associate Dean, and

Whereas Diplomacy was given a series of stretch goals as part of the Provost’s Seeds of Innovation proposal and a three-year window in which to meet those goals, and

Whereas inaction on appointing a permanent dean will harm efforts to attain these goals, including fund-raising and other goals, while the three-year window will make it difficult to attract candidates, and

Whereas the faculty and administration of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations have full faith in Dr. Courtney Smith’s leadership and unanimously requested that he be made the permanent dean of the School in their third office hours session with the Provost on June 30, and

Whereas the Faculty Guide requires a search and screen committee be constituted for dean level searches, and

Whereas we understand that a full national search may not be feasible at this time on financial and other grounds;

Be it resolved that:

The Senate supports a search for the next Dean of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations, subject to procedures outlined in Article 13 of the Faculty Guide, with a start date of January 1.