University of Nebraska at Kearney
Faculty Senate Resolution
Memorandum of Understanding on Shared Governance
March 27, 2017

WHEREAS, it is recognized in BOR Bylaws Chapter II: 2.0 that The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, the Administration, the Faculty and the Student Body carry out their respective responsibilities not as isolated entities, but as major and primary constituents of a total University organization and structure that remain mutually interdependent, and which must be supportive of the purposes, functions, and obligations of the University; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized by BOR Bylaws Chapter II: 2.12 and 2.12.1 that the faculties of each major administrative unit shall establish a governing agency which shall have the general responsibility to act as the official voice of the faculty of which it is composed, act on matters that affect more than one college, advise and consult with student, staff, and administrative groups on matters of general concern, which include, but are not necessarily limited to, the budget, institutional planning, library and computer operation, student academic conduct in the classroom, and the selection of academic-administrative personnel, recommendations for candidates for honorary degrees, and provide for the protection of academic freedom; and

WHEREAS, it is further recognized and jointly agreed to by the NU Board of Regents and the University of Nebraska at Kearney Education Association in the Preamble of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (COB) that academic matters at the University of Nebraska at Kearney are appropriately addressed through a strong system of shared governance which includes consultation with faculty when consideration is given to the (a) role and mission of the University, (b) academic goals and objectives and (c) general policies designed to facilitate the achievements of the academic goals and objectives. Shared governance also requires departments and colleges to have involvement in the (a) recruitment, selection, and retention of faculty and administrators; (b) development of high-quality programs and courses; and (c) other matters affecting the achievement of the academic goals and objectives. And, in addition, in accordance with the language of the COB, the Board of Regents supports the continued maintenance of shared governance at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, including the continuation of an independent Faculty Senate, with its own constitution and rules of procedures and composed of freely-elected representatives from the several faculties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the University of Nebraska Faculty Senate that the above definitions and provisions constitute the foundation of shared governance as it is understood by UNK Faculty Senate.

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