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WHEREAS the administratively imposed Faculty Activity Report (FAR) contains a separate section on economic development, and

WHEREAS Provost Jay Grimes notified department chairs on March 6 that economic development will be added to teaching, research, and service as a fourth major category for faculty evaluation, and

WHEREAS it is not precisely known what might be included for faculty under a separate category of “economic development” that is not already included under the overarching categories of teaching, research, and service, and

WHEREAS “economic development” is not contained in the provisions of the current faculty handbook, which may pose legal consequences, and

WHEREAS an emphasis on economic development has now been included in letters of appointment for new faculty,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Southern Mississippi strongly opposes the administration’s introduction of a fourth evaluation category which does not appear in the faculty handbook.