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Resolution on the 2003 Faculty Handbook Committee

Passed April 11, 2003

Whereas, the 2003 Faculty Handbook Committee as it is presently constituted is comprised largely of individuals whose primary duties are administrative; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate agreed at its March meeting that four additional members representing faculty and others should be added to the 2003 Faculty Handbook Committee; and

Whereas, these four Faculty Senate nominees, all of whom are well versed on Faculty Handbook issues, have been barred by the administration from serving on the Faculty Handbook Committee; and

Whereas, the Faculty Handbook is an exceedingly important document to all faculty and therefore of the utmost importance to the Faculty Senate, and

Whereas, the administration's decision to exclude these four Faculty Senate nominees from service on the Faculty Handbook Committee can be interpreted as another example of its disregard for participatory governance; then

Be it therefore resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of Southern Mississippi strongly urges the provosts to either appoint the four Faculty Senate nominees to the Faculty Handbook Committee or discontinue the current activities of the 2003 Faculty Handbook Committee until such time as the membership on the committee can be mutually agreed to by the administration and the Faculty Senate.