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Whereas –

The University of Southern Mississippi offers members of its academic staff sabbatical leave for the purpose of professional improvement to assist faculty in promotion of academic rank, to enhance the academic enterprise, and to build the university's scholarly reputation.

This policy is based on regulations prescribed by the Board of Trustees and within the Faculty Handbook (Article 6.2.6). Current budgeting concerns have brought about questions of award for the 2011-12 academic year, even though costs associated with sabbatical leave are absorbed by departments and serve as an investment in the institution's intellectual capital.

Be it resolved –

That The University of Southern Mississippi continue current sabbatical leave policies and procedures based on a ranking and award system determined by the sabbatical review committee in order to further the research and academic purposes of the institution despite concurrent budget reductions.