

Resolution to Grant Faculty Release Time for Service as Faculty Regent and University Senate Chair

Whereas university/public service is expected of WKU faculty and is an important consideration in continuance, tenure, and promotion decisions;

Whereas governance is a necessary and vital component of university service for WKU faculty;

Whereas governance at the university level largely falls to the Board of Regents, administrative councils, and the University Senate;

Whereas the Board of Regents is the governing body of the university and includes in its membership one individual elected by the faculty (the faculty regent);

Whereas the University Senate is the university body that represents the collective views of the faculty within the context of a collegial system of university governance and is led by an individual elected by the faculty (the Senate chair);

Whereas service as faculty regent or Senate chair requires an extraordinary commitment of time, well beyond that typical of other university-level service for faculty, and the time frame of service exceeds the usual nine-month faculty contract period;

Whereas for the last decade the faculty member serving as chair of the University Curriculum Committee deservedly received release time in compensation for the substantial time commitment entailed by that position;

Be it resolved that the University Senate recommend the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs grant release time to faculty who serve as faculty regent and Senate chair.

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