FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION ON TRANSPARENCY IN THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Whereas, the hiring of a new university president is a decision that will impact the entire campus community and will help set the direction for the university for years to come;

Whereas, the university’s stated values include the “freedom to express the truth” and express a commitment to the highest ethical standards;

Whereas, the Code of Ethical Conduct states, “We will be fair, trustworthy, and respectful so as to promote an environment with high standards of accountability;”

Whereas, the Code of Ethical Conduct states, “We have a responsibility to conduct ourselves in a manner that maintains and strengthens the public’s trust in the integrity of the University;”

Whereas, the Coastal Carolina University Faculty manual states that “Participation in the governance of the University is a core professional duty of the faculty and one that is central to accomplishing the academic mission of the University” (4.2.1); and

Whereas, the American Association of University Professors’ Document on Confidentiality and Faculty Representation in Academic Governance (June 2013) recommends that “Searches for presidents and other chief academic officers should have an open phase that allows individual faculty members as well as faculty bodies to review the credentials of finalists, ask questions, and share opinions before a final decision is made.”;

Therefore, in the spirit of truth, integrity, respect, and accountability, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Coastal Carolina University calls for public presentations of all finalists applying to become President of Coastal Carolina University and an opportunity for public comment on those finalists.