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**Resolution in Support of Providing Faculty Experience on the Board of Regents**

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**Class C Resolution adopted at the November 29, 2007, Faculty Senate Meeting**

WHEREAS, the University faculty are professionals in teaching and learning assessment, as well as their specialized fields; and

WHEREAS, the University faculty are frontline service providers, designing courses, assessing students, supervising student research, pursuing research grants, and conducting studies that can affect the health, economy, teaching, music, and art of the state; and

WHEREAS, the University faculty are policymakers, deliberating on admissions standards for programs, curricula for programs, degree requirements, and the need for and acceptability of new degree programs, at the levels of the department, for each school or college, and for the college or university as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the University's Board of Regents is charged with the establishment of the University's entrance requirements, schools, colleges, departments, and degree requirements, and assesses the outcomes of the use of state funds; and

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington 28B.10.520 stipulates that "Each member of a board of regents or board of trustees of a university or other state institution of higher education, before entering upon his duties, shall take and subscribe an oath to discharge faithfully and honestly his duties and to perform strictly and impartially the same to the best of his ability, such oath to be filed with the secretary of state;" and

WHEREAS, national organizations of university governing boards and of trustees have noted the trend toward including faculty in governing boards to improve the effectiveness of the boards' deliberations and decisions; therefore,

THE FACULTY SENATE RESOLVES, that the governance of the University of Washington shall be vested in a board of regents to consist of eleven members, one of whom shall be a full-time or emeritus member of the faculty of the University. The governor shall select the faculty member from a list of candidates, of at least three and not more than five, submitted by the University's Faculty Senate. The faculty member shall hold his or her office for a term of three years, from the first day of July until the first day of July of the following year or until his or her successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is later.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate authorizes its Legislative Representative to pursue this resolution through discussion and support of state legislation.

*Approved by:  
Senate Executive Committee  
November 19, 2007*

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University of Washington Faculty Senate  
November 29, 2007*