Resolution Affirming the Importance of the System of Tenure at Eastern Kentucky University

WHEREAS, the Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents recognizes the essential role and value of the faculty in the life of the University, and

WHEREAS, the institution of tenure protects the faculty’s right to and expectation of academic freedom, including freedom of expression and freedom of inquiry, and

WHEREAS, these freedoms form the foundation of teaching, learning, and service in the University, contributing to student success, regional stewardship, and providing an exemplar of the critical and creative thinking with which we seek to imbue our students, and

WHEREAS, an expectation of continued service facilitates faculty participation within the enterprise of shared governance that is requisite for the welfare of the University, and

WHEREAS, tenure encourages investment by faculty members in long-term elements of university life such as building a sustainable research program, creating a continuing mentoring program, and developing courses and teaching techniques over multiple semesters; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents officially record its recognition of and confirm its unqualified support for the system of tenure at Eastern Kentucky University, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Board provide for the distribution of this resolution to the faculty of the University and to cause this resolution to be spread upon the Official Minutes of the Board of Regents.

Done this 24th Day of April, Two Thousand Nine, by the Board of Regents of Eastern Kentucky University

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Chairman, Board of Regents