

**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.

*Respectfully submitted for University Senate consideration,  
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