**Faculty Resolution on Mission Statement**

**RESOLUTION:**

The Faculty of New College of Florida strongly endorse our current Goals and Mission, as inscribed in our Faculty Handbook 1.1.1, which is based on our Statutory Mission and Goals (Florida Statutes 1004.32).

* These documents articulate well our institutional purpose: to provide students with an exceptional educational opportunity as a residential liberal arts honors college within the Florida SUS; and to respect and support our students as autonomous learners and creators of knowledge.
* Consequently, any revision to our current Mission Statement must be based on our Statutory Mission and Goals; and no changes should be made to our Mission Statement without real support from campus constituencies, including faculty, students, staff, and alumni.

**RATIONALE:**

On the one hand:

* The Sense of the Faculty strongly affirmed the support for our Statutory Mission and Goals (Extraordinary Faculty Meeting, February 28)
* The feedback compiled by the administration on its proposed new mission statement reaffirms this support for our Statutory Mission and Goals, as well as support for the current Mission Statement (Mission Statement Feedback-Final Draft, March 18)
* The Mission Statement Feedback Meeting also reaffirmed strong support for our Statutory Mission and Goals and for the current Mission Statement based on it (Tuesday April 23)

On the other hand:

* The feedback compiled by the administration clearly indicates opposition to the terms, tone and length of its proposed new mission statement
* The Mission Statement Feedback Meeting also clearly indicated opposition to the terms, tone and length of its proposed new mission statement

Finally

* During the discussion in the Mission Statement Feedback Meeting is was clearly established that there is no mandate to change the mission statement, only to periodically review it