

TO: Abigail Mann, PhD, Chair of the Faculty Senate and General Faculty

FROM: Scott Hicks, PhD, Chair of the Committee on Faculty Governance

DATE: March 30, 2020

RE: Commendation of the Leadership of the Faculty Senate

I am writing on behalf of the Committee on Faculty Governance to commend the Faculty Senate and its leadership for their continued commitment to shared governance and the good workings of the University despite the crisis of COVID-19 and its substantial and extensive impact on University operations.

The Committee enthusiastically and gratefully commends you, in your role as Chair of the Faculty Senate and General Faculty, and the members of the Faculty Senate, in their role as colleagues in shared governance. The Senate's unanimous vote March 20 to continue the work of the Senate and its committees and subcommittees despite emergency circumstances demonstrates the Senate's abiding commitment to shared governance and the imperative duty and responsibility of representing the faculty and their interests. The Committee duly notes, profoundly appreciates, and roundly applauds your leadership at this time, manifested in your uninterrupted consultation of faculty and administration and your steady and consistent communication with faculty.

Please contact me or committee Vice Chair Cherry Maynor Beasley, PhD, if you have questions or comments. Thank you for your consideration.