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**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

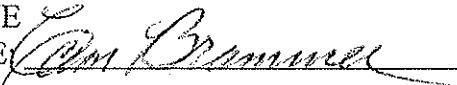
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Resolves that the Faculty Senate endorse the attached "ACF Legislative/HEPC/CTCC Issues for 2010" as prepared by the Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF).

RATIONALE:

Endorsement and support of the attached will show solidarity among the colleges and universities regarding important issues.

FACULTY SENATE CHAIR:

APPROVED BY THE
FACULTY SENATE:  DATE: 10/22/09

DISAPPROVED BY THE
FACULTY SENATE: _____ DATE: _____

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:
READ:  DATE: 10/23/09

COMMENTS: _____

ACF LEGISLATIVE/HEPC/CTCC ISSUES FOR 2010

- ◆ **Increase Legislative State Funding to the Regional Average in Order to Achieve the Goals of the CTCC's "Target 2010" and the HEPC's Master Plan "Charting the Future, 2007-2012":**
 - Economic Growth - higher education increases earning potential and provides a higher rate of investment return than any other economic stimulus;
 - Access and Affordability – increasing state funding (scholarships, research, capital improvements, etc.) reduces the burden on students and facilitates access;
 - Learning and Accountability - retention of nationally qualified faculty and maintenance of quality programs are key to quality student learning;
 - Innovation - appreciative and enthusiastic legislative support is essential for improved efficiency and innovation in education.

- ◆ **Fulfill Legislative Mandate from §18B-6-2 that requires Higher Education Faculty to Advise the HEPC and CTCC Councils:**
 - Include non-voting Faculty and Staff representation on the Councils;
 - Increase communication and participation of the ACF with the Councils and Chancellors.

- ◆ **Provide Relief from Rising PEIA Premiums**

- ◆ **Seek an amendment to the WV Constitution that would allow Higher Education employees the right to serve in the legislature**