Motion from the University Senate Executive Committee

Whereas the Faculty Handbook currently does not reflect the de facto changes at Loyola University New Orleans as a result of the Pathways document, therefore the Faculty Senate recommends that the standing Handbook Revision Committee be charged with this critical task, together with the revision of the university committee structure.

To insure the participation and commitment of the Administration and the Board of Trustees in this vital process, the Senate further recommends the inclusion on this ad hoc committee of one representative from each of these constituencies (the Board and the Administration), specifically empowered to represent those perspectives and concerns.

The Senate further requests that the Administration and the Board formally endorse the work of this Committee, by agreeing to participate in a good faith effort to revise and update this essential document by which the roles, responsibilities and relationships of the faculty, administration, and board are contractually defined.

The Senate asks that this Committee complete its work as soon as possible, providing the Senate with progress reports at least twice a semester, and aim for a completed and approved text by May 2009.

Given the importance and urgency of this task, the Senate strongly recommends that this committee be given appropriate legal and secretarial support. Moreover, faculty members of the Committee should be compensated for their work with appropriate course releases.