Constitution of the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS)

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Preamble

In appreciation of the recognized importance of a collegial system of shared academic governance and to promote and strengthen the same for the public higher education system in the State of Florida as well as for each of the institutions within it, this constitution establishes the means for faculty participation in the process of statewide public university governance. The fundamental purpose of the ACFS is to work toward better and higher quality educational opportunities in the institutions of higher education in the State University System (SUS) of Florida. It shall serve as a mechanism to discuss issues of importance to higher education in Florida and provide input from a faculty perspective.

Article I - Name

1.1. The name of the organization shall be the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS).

Article II - Purpose

2.1. The purposes of the ACFS

Florida:

- 2.1.2. To facilitate communication, cooperation and interaction among the faculty, students, educators, and supporters of education in the State of Florida;
- 2.1.3. To function as a liaison between the ACFS membership and other state, local and national

collegiate organizations;

2.1.4. To promote faculty involvement in the decision-making process affecting SUS institutions, and contribute solutions to educational challenges and needs; 2.1.5.

- 4.2. The ACFS fulfills its function and responsibilities by utilizing various means, including, but not limited to, the following:
- 4.2.1. Drawing on the combined experience, knowledge, and expertise of the faculty represented by members of ACFS;
- 4.2.2. Serving as resource faculty to participate in research on issues, prepare reports and position papers, and provide recommendations and input on matters under consideration and discussion:
- 4.2.3. Identifying resource faculty members from various campuses, who have interest and expertise in matters under consideration and discussion;
- 4.2.4. Raising and discussing issues that individual Faculty Senates have identified to be of statewide importance, and bringing such issues before the Chancellor of the State University System, the Board of Governors, the Florida State Board of Education, the state Legislature and other officials and organizations involved in the establishment of policies, administration, or funding of public higher education in the State of Florida;
- 4.2.5. Initiating, among its members and with the individual Faculty Senates, discussion of issues of long-range importance to higher education in the State of Florida.
- 4.2.6. Placing its records in a public forum (such as a public website).

Article V - Officers

5.1. The officers of the ACFS shall consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a Past Chair. No two of these officers may come from the

Article VII - Committees

- 7.1. The ACFS may, by a majority vote, constitute committees, subcommittees, and task forces, to include ACFS members and other faculty from the State University System, and charge such groups with specific tasks.
- 7.2. Standing committees may be established and terminated by a two-thirds vote.
- 7.3. Committee members shall be chosen according to Article V, Section 5.1.3.4.

Article VIII - Amendments

8.1. A mendments to this constitution shall be considered upon a written request supported by at least three member