

## **Sense of the Senate Resolution to Commend Outgoing Faculty Senate Chair Joe McLaughlin**

Executive Committee

May 14, 2012

**Whereas** Joe McLaughlin has faithfully served as Faculty Senate Chair for three years;

**Whereas** he has worked tirelessly to promote collegiality at Ohio University;

**Whereas** under his leadership, the Faculty Senate has:

- approved catalog and educational policy changes for the quarters to semesters transition
- changed the Faculty Handbook to clarify promotion and tenure procedures, clarify the role of Group II faculty, establish clinical lines, no longer penalize faculty members voluntarily forgoing faculty fellowship leaves for curricular reasons, and establish multi-year contracts for Group II faculty
- changed the process for creating new centers, institutes, or other college-like structures to include review by the Faculty Senate, and preserve the rights of faculty in P&T and other processes
- emphasized the role of Faculty Senate and shared governance in the budget process
- advocated for a university-wide maternity/paternity/adoptive parent policy
- maintained the importance of the sustainability of ICA as an issue that affects academic quality
- brought the issue of academic quality to the attention of the Board of Trustees as a central concern
- advocated for the maintenance of Group I faculty after the early retirement incentive program
- preserved the core commitment of protecting the academic integrity of the university in the face of a major budget crisis

***Therefore, be it resolved*** that the Ohio University Faculty Senate expresses its gratitude and commends Joe McLaughlin for his three years of outstanding service as Chair.