

**Resolution 1516-06**

In the McNeese State University Faculty Senate

April 6, 2016

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RESOLUTION

Whereas, University policy presently reads as,

*“Department Heads report to the college dean and are full-time ranked faculty members who represent the departmental faculty and have administrative responsibilities for their respective departments.”*; and

Whereas, the Charter of the Faculty Senate of McNeese State University presently reads,

**Article I  
THE GENERAL FACULTY**

*Section 1.*

**Composition.**

*The General Faculty of McNeese State University consists of all full-time employers with an academic rank of instructor or above whose teaching load exceeds 50 percent of their total work load or who have been released from full time teaching to conduct research. Also included shall be the faculty of special education, full-time librarians and athletic coaches, except the athletic director and the Library director. Department heads are excluded from membership in the Faculty Senate. The intent of this definition is that personnel with primarily administrative duties shall not be included.*

Whereas, the sentence *“Department heads are excluded from membership in the Faculty Senate”* deals with membership to the Faculty Senate rather than description of composition of the General Faculty; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate promotes and protects the professional and scholarly interests of all McNeese State University faculty;

Therefore, be it resolved by the McNeese State University Faculty Senate that

1. *“Department heads are excluded from membership in the Faculty Senate”* only excludes department heads from serving as a member of the Faculty Senate, and
2. being a department head does not automatically mean *“primarily administrative duties”*, and

the Faculty Senate Rules Committee initiate procedures for moving the sentence *“Department heads are excluded from membership in the Faculty Senate”* to Article II of the Faculty Senate Charter.