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Community Outreach Endowed Professorship

We, the members of the McNeese State University Faculty Senate, in order to better recruit new students and increase awareness of opportunities at McNeese propose a new rotating endowed professorship to encourage faculty to visit schools and educate the community.

In the McNeese State University Faculty Senate

November 2, 2016

RESOLUTION

Whereas, members of the community around McNeese State University frequently are unaware of the programs and opportunities available at the University, and

Whereas, faculty are more likely to be knowledgeable of the programs and offerings in their colleges and departments, and

Whereas, it is important to inculcate student interest in fields at an early age, and

Whereas, rewarding existing outreach efforts via the APR process might not be a motivating factor in light of the uncertainty of future salary increases, and

Whereas, per University administration faculty can be awarded multiple endowed professorships,

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

- a. A new endowed professorship be created to fund faculty efforts in community outreach.
 - i. This endowed professorship will be used to cover travel expenses, promotional materials, and other good faith expenses (per state and university guidelines) incurred while visiting high and middle schools.
 - ii. All or part of this endowed professorship may be taken as supplemental income, subject to state and university policy.
 - iii. This endowed professorship will rotate between the colleges and library on an annual basis.
 1. Outside funding options will be explored to fund multiple endowed professorships to reduce the time between college cycles.
 2. Faculty from other colleges will be able to submit applications for any year, but primacy will be given to the college currently up in the rotation. Faculty projects of exceptional merit from outside the current college may be given priority if they show more promise than proposals from the current college.

- iv. The endowed professorship will be awarded through the Faculty Senate via the recommendations of the Community Partnership Committee.
 1. If multiple projects are submitted from the same college, the professorship will be awarded via majority vote of the committee; the representative(s) on the committee from the college eligible for the award will recuse themselves from voting to avoid a conflict of interest.