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Elevation of Town Hall Committee to Standing Committee

We, the McNeese State University Faculty Senate, in order to continuously improve the dialogue between institutions of higher education and their representatives in local and state leadership, do hereby resolve to establish a new standing committee to organize annual town hall forums on higher education policy and spending.

April 5, 2017

Resolution

Whereas, dialogue between institutions of higher learning and local and state leadership is essential to provide policy-establishing bodies with a better understanding of ground-level issues facing students and faculty, and

Whereas, the fiscal crises facing higher education in Louisiana is expected to continue for the foreseeable future, and

Whereas, higher education continues to be a significant target for additional costs due to the lack of protections in the Louisiana constitution, and

Whereas, previous Town Hall Forums on Higher Education have yielded positive exchanges of information between students, faculty, the legislature, the Board of Regents, and the governor's office,

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Faculty Senate By-Laws Section V.A.1 be amended to allow for seven standing committees, and
2. The Town Hall Committee be elevated from *ad hoc* to standing committee for the purposes of organizing annual Town Hall Forums on Higher Education.