

1 Whereas research is part of the core mission of the university (the mission statement contends
2 that our “community of lifelong learners” will “engage in scholarship”—this engagement is
3 second only to the institutional commitment to “educat[ing] students for success in a global
4 environment”);

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6 Whereas “educating students for success in a global environment” requires “engag[ing] in
7 scholarship”;

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9 Whereas the stated mission of the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs is “to provide the
10 best possible support for the faculty, staff and students of Morehead State University in their
11 pursuit of funding for research, other scholarly and creative activities, instruction and public
12 service”;

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14 Whereas the recent reorganization of the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs is the
15 result of attrition retroactively labeled as “rightsizing,” not strategic planning designed to
16 “provide the best possible support ”for the core mission of the university;

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18 Whereas effectively “rightsizing” the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs would involve
19 ameliorating identified problems with grant administration to render the extant unit fully
20 functional;

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22 Whereas the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) adopted by the institution is focused on high
23 impact practices (HIPs) that include undergraduate research;

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25 Whereas the institutional support needed to carry out undergraduate research is articulated in
26 the mission of the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs and not evident in the QEP’s yet-
27 to-be-realized “Center of Experiential Education,” which is organizationally redundant and
28 conceptually inadequate;

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30 Whereas the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs generates revenue through
31 facility and administrative (F&A) costs while it upholds the core mission of the university;

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33 Whereas sponsored research raises the profile of the institution, providing an in-house,
34 mission-oriented branding effort that offsets its initial expense;

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36 Whereas research and research opportunities are effective recruitment and retention tools that
37 allow the institution to attract and retain high quality faculty, staff, and students;

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39 Whereas “MSU aspires to be the best public regional university in the South;”

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41 Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Morehead State University enjoins the
42 upper administration to uphold the core mission of the university, and productively work
43 toward its aspirational goals, by properly prioritizing Research & Sponsored Programs in
44 budgetary and hiring decisions.