Resolution Regarding SPF Representation in Senate
Administrative Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate
May 2, 2017

Whereas, according to 2015 data, the number of Special Professional Faculty (hereafter “SPF”) at Notre Dame is 361, or approximately 27% of the regular faculty; yet, current rules allow the SPF body only three senators (about 6% of the 54 Senate members);

Whereas SPF are prohibited from serving as departmental representatives;

Whereas SPF are substantially underrepresented relative to their size and importance to the university, which consigns SPF to ancillary roles in their departments and dilutes their voice in significant ways;

Whereas First Year of Studies and the Writing Program consist entirely of SPF, barring them from any Senate representation whatsoever unless they happen to obtain one of the three at-large positions;

Whereas the Senate wishes to avoid, on the one hand, over-representation of SPF, and on the other hand, disproportionate service assignments for SPF;

Be it resolved, the Senate asks that the Academic Articles Revision Committee amend the Academic Articles to:

- open departmental representation to associate and full SPF, from departments with a significant proportion of special professional faculty, contingent upon approval of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate;
- increase SPF senators-at-large from three to five and encourage their election from a variety of schools, colleges, programs, institutes, and centers;
- add one senator from First Year of Studies;

Be it further resolved, upon revision of the Academic Articles, the Faculty Senate shall amend its Bylaws to reflect relevant changes.