Faculty Senate Routing Form  
(action/proposal attached)

I. Item Title: _Resolution Regarding the Forced Resignation of UNC President Tom Ross_

   a) Brief Description: Requests the Board of Governors to remove the requirement that President Ross retire at the beginning of 2016

   b) Initiated by: _Faculty Senate_

II. Faculty Senate Action: ✓ approved □ not approved □ other date: 2/19/2015

   Comments: ___________________________________________________________

   Vote: □ Voice Vote, Unanimous □ Voice Vote, Majority In Favor
         ✓ Electronic Vote: 21 Ayes; 2 Nays; 2 Abstentions

   FS Secretary signature: __________________________ date 2/25/2015

III. Provost: ✓ for information □ Recognition of Receipt
          □ for action...............✓ approved □ not approved

   Comments: ___________________________________________________________

   Person responsible for Implementation: __________________________

   Provost signature: __________________________ date 3/7/15

IV. Chancellor: □ for information ✓ Recognition of Receipt
               □ for action...............✓ approved □ not approved

   Comments: ___________________________________________________________

   Chancellor signature __________________________ date 3/7/15

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Resolution Regarding the Forced Resignation of UNC President Tom Ross
Approved by the Faculty of Western Carolina University on (date)

Whereas:
The University of North Carolina (UNC) faculty, staff, students, and administration have a long and productive history of working together to better our students, the UNC system, and the state; and

Whereas:
The UNC system and the state of North Carolina have benefited from Tom Ross’ extraordinary leadership during a difficult time in which he handled a number of challenges and maintained the confidence and trust of the faculty; and

Whereas:
SACSCOC accreditation requires shared governance; and

Whereas:
The Board of Governors did not consider the voice of faculty in their recent decision to force President Ross’ resignation; and

Whereas:
The Board of Governors has provided no compelling reason for the forced resignation of President Ross; and

Whereas:
The reaction from faculty at Western Carolina University and throughout the state to President Ross’ forced resignation has been overwhelmingly negative; and

Whereas:
The UNC system will maintain its reputation as the preeminent system of higher education in America if Tom Ross is retained as President of the UNC system; and

Whereas:
Retaining Tom Ross as President of the University of North Carolina would restore faculty faith in the wisdom and decision-making of the Board of Governors and provide a path forward for an open and productive working relationship between the Board and the faculty;

Therefore Be It Resolved:
That we, the faculty of Western Carolina University, request that the Board of Governors reconsider their recent decision, cease any movement towards a search for a new President, and remove the requirement that President Ross retire at the beginning of 2016.