Faculty Senate Routing Form

I. Item Title: *University Community Responsibilities and Shared Governance*

a) Brief Description: ***Whereas*** professionalism, respect, collegiality, and collaboration among all members of the University community, especially as witnessed through shared governance, is vital to the prosperity of the University, and
Whereas members of the leadership of the Student Government Association, Staff Senate, Faculty Senate and Academic Affairs came together to decide upon a joint statement on collegiality, collaboration, professionalism, and shared governance for inclusion in each groups respective handbooks and codes, and
Whereas this statement will directly identify members of the University community and will increase recognition of shared governance and responsibility of all members within the university toward the success and growth of the institution, particularly important at this moment of institutional change,
Be it resolved that the leadership of the Student Government Association, Staff Senate, and Faculty Senate recommend adoption of the following joint statement below:
Joint statement:
Students, staff, faculty and administrators, as members of the University community, are committed to creating an atmosphere of collegiality, professionalism, collaboration and shared governance of the institution. Professional behavior represents a respectful, reciprocal relationship among all members of our institution, and a value system that views diverse members of this community as critical for the progress and success of its academic mission. Collegiality involves appreciation of and respect for differences in expertise, ideas, and background, in addition to mutual trust. Respect for the intrinsic dignity of each member of the University community is the basic cornerstone governing all institutional activities. These principles guide our behavior, leadership, and work at Western Carolina University.

b) Initiated by: Faculty Senate Chair-Erin McNelis

II. Faculty Senate Action: X approved ☐ not approved ☐ other date: _____

Comments: _____

Vote: ☐ Voice Vote, Unanimous Voice Vote, Majority In Favor
X Electronic Clicker: 20 Ayes 4 Nays 1 Abstentions

FS Secretary signature: Rebecca Laker date 11-14-11

III. Provost: ☐ for information ☐ Recognition of Receipt
☐ for action..... ☑ approved ☐ not approved

Comments: _____

Person responsible for Implementation: _____

Provost signature: Beth Tyson Lofquist date 11-18-11

IV. Chancellor: ☐ for information ☐ Recognition of Receipt
☐ for action..... ☑ approved ☐ not approved

Comments: _____

Chancellor signature David O. Belcher date 22 Dec. 2011