**Motion to Hold a Faculty Forum About Proposed Changes to Faculty Handbook Sections on Tenure and Promotion; and to Ask Faculty Whether They Support Department Level or College Level Promotion and Tenure Committees (Approved on February 11, 2013 by the Faculty Senate)**

The Senate will distribute the language of the *Faculty Handbook* changes that are proposed. The Senate will then sponsor a faculty forum with some members of the Senate’s *Faculty Handbook* Committee and the *Faculty Handbook* Task Force that worked on the documents. This will be an opportunity to ask questions about the documents and clear up any matters of interpretation. It will also provide an opportunity to make suggestions. The next week, all tenured and tenure track faculty will receive a ballot via email and they will be asked if they support the two changes. These are the people affected by the changes and they should be the people voting.

The resolutions on which the tenured and tenure track faculty will be voting will not be the *Faculty Handbook* changes themselves. Tenure line faculty will be asked to vote on the following two statements:

1. I support the creation of department level promotion and tenure committees that include all tenured members of the department.

2. I support the establishment of college level promotion and tenure committees, with each college creating the structure that best suits its composition and mission.”