Resolution on Use of Student Letters in Faculty Reviews

Use of student letters in faculty promotion/tenure reviews:

In accordance with the Vision 20/20 mandate to elevate Texas A&M University to a position among the top ten public institutions in the country, be it resolved that procedures related to the use of student letters in faculty promotion and tenure nomination packages be based on the following guidelines:

If a nominee so chooses, student letters should be placed in the “other” section of the package; and

If student letters related to teaching, mentoring, or advising are included, that they represent only one of the many components summarized in the teaching or service performance sections of the nomination package; and

That the procedures outlining the solicitation and use of student letters be uniform across all nominees from a given area, but that individual student letters are not required in the nomination package; and

That it is required that the nominee be informed of the process used to solicit and include student letters in any review process.

Approved by Personnel & Welfare Committee, 03/20/02
Approved as Amended by the Faculty Senate, 04/08/02