Whereas the events leading to the resignation of President Murano have precipitated a crisis in the governance of Texas A&M University; and

Whereas proper consideration of the recent proposals to develop shared services among the member institutions of the Texas A&M University System requires the leadership of a regularly selected President of Texas A&M University to represent its interests in such consideration;

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Texas A&M University hereby respectfully proposes to the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System that

1) The Board rescind its recent resolution which asserts its prerogative to select the President of a member institution without a process of shared governance; and

2) The Board institute a search process for a new President of Texas A&M University, by constituting a Search Committee that includes representatives of the several constituencies of the University as was done in previous searches, and by providing a time period and resources for the search that are adequate to assure the Search Committee the opportunity to conduct a vigorous search and identify the best possible candidates for this important post; and

3) The Board postpone consideration of proposals to develop shared services among the member institutions of the Texas A&M University System until a new President has been selected and has had sufficient time in service to prepare to lead the University’s participation in consideration of such proposals.