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**Faculty Senate Resolution FSR-2013-08-19-01:**  
**Affirmation of Faculty Governance of Academic Issues**

Whereas, the Preamble of the Constitution of the Armstrong Faculty Senate states "... the Senate will represent the faculty in fulfilling its duties, privileges, and responsibilities in governance and in furthering the mission of the university in issues of academic concern and academic leadership."; and

Whereas, the mission of the Student Success Committee states that it "shall recommend policies on recruitment, admissions, advisement, and retention."; and

Whereas, Armstrong's strategic plan affirms the importance of shared governance as a core value: "We value transparency that fosters shared governance."; and

Whereas, Armstrong's vision is to be "an academically selective institution of first choice..." ; and

Whereas, in May 2012, the regular admissions minimum core high school grade point average (GPA) requirement was changed from 2.0 to 2.5 effective for the 2012-13 catalog without any discussion with faculty senate and/or related standing committees of the faculty senate.

Therefore be it resolved that while the Armstrong Faculty Senate strongly supports the increase in admission standards, it strongly disapproves of the lack of transparency in how this policy was conceived and implemented. Furthermore, the abruptness of the policy change without a prior presentation of an implementation plan to the faculty senate leadership suggests either a lack of long term planning or transparency in said planning; and

Therefore be it resolved that the Armstrong Faculty Senate reaffirms its primary duty, interest and responsibility in the governance of academic issues and leadership at Armstrong Atlantic State University.

As evidenced by conversation at the Faculty Senate Meeting of August 19, 2013, accounts regarding the decision making and implementation of the policy to raise the core high school grade point average requirement for admission actually contradict FS Resolution 2013-08-19-01.

Indeed, it appears that the Student Success Committee considered this requirement and voiced support for it. It is suggested that regular reports from Faculty Senate Subcommittees to the entire Senate will help to create a clear record of the issues considered by each subcommittee and of recommendations by each subcommittee.