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**Armstrong Atlantic State University**  
**Faculty Senate Resolution 2013-04-15-01:**  
**Reclassification of Armstrong Atlantic State University**

**Presidential Action-Resolution**  
**No Action Required**

The following faculty senate resolution on the reclassification of Armstrong Atlantic State University is provided to the University President.

**Background:** The Board of Regents plans to reclassify Armstrong Atlantic State as a State University (Category 2) because it offers primarily Bachelor degree programs and no doctoral programs. It also emphasizes institutional research over basic research by professors. This will be discussed during their meeting on April 16, 2013. This is incorrect. Armstrong offers twenty Master's programs and one Doctoral program. Armstrong also requires basic research from its professors in addition to institutional research.

**Resolution:** Whereas the proposed reclassification is based on inaccurate information; Whereas the proposed reclassification may have a negative impact on our funding from the State of Georgia;

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Armstrong Atlantic State objects to this and requests that Armstrong be properly classified as a State University (Category 1).

Delivered:

Signature: 214~ Date: 4/30/13

Received:

Signature: Linda Bleicken Date: 5/28/13  
Dr. Linda M. Bleicken, President  
Armstrong Atlantic State University

Please note attached. As I stated at the meeting, action had already occurred to address this.

Armstrong

Linda Bleicken <linda.bleicken@armstrong.edu>

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**RE: Concern regarding draft Classification Policy**

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**Houston D. Davis** <Houston.Davis@usg.edu>  
To: Linda Bleicken <Linda.Bleicken@armstrong.edu>  
Cc: Linda Noble <Linda.Noble@usg.edu>

Mon, Apr 15, 2013 at 10:10 AM

Linda,

This was absolutely an error in assigning the schools within the policy. We have corrected the draft policy to reflect AASU as a Category I State University. We will provide corrected copies of the policy in the board books once we get down tonight/tomorrow. Sorry about this.

Houston

**From:** Linda Bleicken [mailto:linda.bleicken@armstrong.edu]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2013 6:32 PM  
**To:** Houston D. Davis  
**Subject:** Concern regarding draft Classification Policy

Dear Dr. Davis,

In reviewing the Agenda for the April Board of Regents meeting, I am concerned with the placement of Armstrong as a Category II State University. My concern stems from the apparent prohibition of doctoral degrees for this category of institutions. You see, Armstrong has had for four years a thriving doctoral degree program in Physical Therapy (DPT). This degree program has a licensure pass rate of 100% and regularly receives more than 6 times the number of qualified applicants than we are currently able to accommodate. In view of the obvious demand, plans are already underway to expand our capacity in this degree program, and the initial expansion will begin with the Fall 2013 entering class.

Additionally, plans are underway to add a doctoral degree in nursing practice (DNP). This was actually discussed during our recent budget hearing in February. This plan will begin to address the dearth of doctorally prepared faculty members currently being sought by all USG institutions that offer nursing degrees. This degree program proposal is being written with a gerontological emphasis to address the growing number of seniors who populate our region, a population that is expected to grow exponentially in years to come.

The degree programs that I describe have been and are being developed not because of any intention to overreach our mission as an institution. Rather, as the institution in the USG that has for numerous years produced the highest number of health professions majors, we know the need for professionals in these disciplines that exists in our region and throughout the state. As our population continues to age and as more individuals become eligible for health care, these needs will only continue to grow. Given our long experience in producing successful health professions graduates, Armstrong is uniquely positioned to address these needs.

It appears that the more logical placement of Armstrong should be as a Category I State University. I would like to talk with you in advance of the Board meeting about this agenda item. Please let me know a time on Monday that would be convenient for a call.

Sincerely,  
Linda

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Linda M. Bleicken

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