February 11, 2014

WHEREAS, Appalachian State University revised a new Mission Statement with the input from all constituent groups and approved by the Board of Trustees 9/27/13. The proposed mission statement was submitted to UNC General Assembly and President Ross where he proposed to Chancellor Peacock the following changes to the mission statement:

“We create rich environments where students can thrive. Our Students are educated broadly and are simultaneously equipped with strong disciplinary knowledge. Academic learning occurs in a wide range of undergraduate, selected masters and intermediate programs and the doctorate in Education offered on campus, at off campus sites, and on line.”

WHEREAS, limiting the scope to a single doctoral program in President Ross’ proposed mission statement will negatively affect Appalachian State University’s ability to offer any doctoral programs, other than the doctorate in education, for approximately five years.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Appalachian State University Staff Senate supports the proposed original mission statement of the Appalachian State University Board of Trustees, approved 9/27/13.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the mission statement amendment from President Ross changes from:

“...intermediate programs and the doctorate in Education”

to

“... intermediate programs and various doctoral degrees”

in order to encourage the advancement of an increase in the amount of doctoral programs to be potentially offered at Appalachian State University be it on campus, at off campus extension sites, or on-line within the next five years.

Signed on behalf of the Appalachian State University Staff Senate

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