**Sense of the Senate Resolution on Instructional Faculty Renewal**

Faculty Senate

Professional Relations Commitee

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First Reading

*Whereas*, Instructional Faculty serve an important role in the academic mission of Ohio University, and

*Whereas*, Instructional Faculty provide a significant share of credit hour delivery, and

*Whereas*, Instructional Faculty achieve merit-based promotions in rank, and

*Whereas*, Instructional Faculty have the expectation of multi-year, renewable contracts as provided for in the Faculty Handbook, and

*Whereas*, Instructional Faculty with multi-year contracts allows for stable curricular planning within and across academic units, and

*Whereas,* Instructional Faculty experienced nonrenewal (or non-reappointment) based on *ad hoc* criteria, and

*Whereas*, Instructional Faculty are distinct from Clinical and Fixed-term Contract Faculty,

*Be it resolved*, the Faculty Senate calls on each Ohio University College and/or Academic Unit to have the following:

(1) A clearly articulated set of decision-making criteria regarding the offer of multi-year contracts for instructional faculty, and

(2) A clearly articulated set of decision-making criteria regarding the nonrenewal (or non-reappointment) of Instructional Faculty.