1. WHEREAS, the University of Florida, the premier university of the state, consistently ranks near the bottom among peer universities in the areas of faculty/student ratio, class sizes, and tuition, and

2. WHEREAS, the proposed Academic Enhancement Program would allow for the hiring of up to 200 additional tenure-track faculty and up to 100 new academic advisors to improve the overall quality of our students’ educational experience with reduced class sizes and an improved faculty/student ratio; and

3. WHEREAS, the financial aid package for students on need-based financial aid will cover this charge;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

• the University of Florida Faculty Senate strongly supports the Academic Enhancement Program.

• the University of Florida Faculty Senate believes the Academic Enhancement Program will be a benefit to the students of the University of Florida, so long as it remains a tenet of this University to be open and accessible to all students within the state regardless of economic and social background.