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**Resolution Concerning “The EIU Signature Experience” document of the Vitalization
Project Workgroups 8 & 9 Review Committee
Passed by the EIU Faculty Senate on March 6th, 2018**

Whereas Provost Jay Gatrell established in the Fall of 2017, after discussion in Faculty Senate, an *ad hoc* committee of faculty and administrators to review the reports and recommendations of Vitalization Project Workgroups 8 and 9, with the specific charge to “analyze and assess (their) proposals” in view of their “**feasibility, merit, and priority**...keeping in mind Eastern Illinois University’s excellence as a regional comprehensive institution and properly aligning with Eastern’s mission and vision”

Whereas the committee’s report and recommendations, entitled The EIU Signature Experience, dated January 15, 2018 and consisting of an eleven-page document divided into four parts and two appendices, has now been communicated to Faculty Senate for comment

Whereas, in view of the variety and complexity of the issues considered in this document and the gravity of its specific recommendations for the future direction of the University, Faculty Senate deems it urgent that these be made rapidly known to the university community in order to facilitate full and careful discussion and debate

Therefore be it resolved that Faculty Senate acknowledges with gratitude and appreciation the most worthy efforts of the *ad hoc* committee, as well as all the thoughtful and excellent work accomplished by Workgroups 8 and 9 in fulfilling their charge, and commends Provost Gatrell for establishing and charging the *ad hoc* committee in accordance with the principles of shared governance

Whereas Faculty Senate has raised numerous concerns of import in the implementation of items as spelled out in the EIU Signature Experience report

Be it further resolved that Faculty Senate urges its members and all Faculty to take full and careful cognizance of this documentation and to communicate to Provost Gatrell their individual reactions to its recommendations with all reasonable speed, in order to allow the Administration to take account of Faculty views in the implementation of any of these recommendations

Be it further resolved that Faculty Senate emphatically endorses the recommendation in Section IV of the *ad hoc* committee’s review document that there be established “an ongoing committee tasked with one primary goal: to pro-actively identify current and future challenges and trends affecting higher education in order to develop strategies that strengthen the long-term viability and health of Eastern Illinois University”

Be it further resolved that Faculty Senate proposes that such a strategic visioning committee be composed in equal measure of members designated by the University Administration and by Faculty Senate