THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

EC Sense of the Senate Resolution 2: 2020-2021 ACADEMIC CALENDAR – Revised as of 10.8.2020

Sense of the Senate Resolution Approving Revision to the <u>2020-21 Academic Calendar</u> in light of UNC System Office Decision October 8, 2020

Whereas, the proposed J-Mester for January 2021 presented unexpected issues and challenges such as financial aid, billing, and a distinct registration cycle from the spring term for our UNC Asheville students, and

Whereas, UNC Asheville still strives to remain in compliance with CDC guidelines throughout ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and

Whereas, due to federal financial aid guidelines our Senior Leadership in consultation with the UNC System Office have determined that the removal of the proposed J-Mester requires an update to the 2020-21 Academic Calendar, and

Whereas, our registration advising begins on October 12, 2020 and our faculty and staff colleagues need the latest pertinent information in order to accurately and appropriately advise our students regarding their Spring 2021 schedules;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the UNC Asheville's Faculty Senate the faculty senate makes the following recommendations regarding the 2020-21 Academic Calendar:

- 1. that the January Session 2021 be removed
- 2. that the Spring 2021 Calendar be adjusted with classes beginning on January 19.
- 3. that the remaining details of the adjusted schedule be determined by Senior Leadership and APC.
- 4. that a full Senate vote on the final calendar occurs via email.