Resolution 2019-2020-28 Presidential Search

Whereas, this resolution expresses our deep concern with how UCF is moving forward with the search for our next president.

Whereas, the timeline for a decision was already problematic before we had a pandemic with which to deal. With the COVID19 restrictions, people are unable to attend campus interviews and open discussion forums.

Whereas, this presidential search is the most important hiring decision the university has faced in decades. Now that there is such a significant disruption to our day-to-day lives, as well as to the functioning of the university, it is irresponsible to move forward with the presidential search process as scheduled.

Whereas, there is no significant harm that would come from a delay in the decision. But there is a very real chance that a poor decision, made in haste, would have cascading problems for years to come.

Be it resolved that the UCF Faculty Senate urges the presidential search committee to delay the search process, to give sufficient time for thorough vetting of all candidates, and for gathering feedback from UCF faculty and students.

Approved by the Faculty Senate on March 19, 2020.