Whereas, The University of Texas Board of Regents unanimously approved an initiative to authorize Chancellor Francisco G. Cigarroa to work with the Texas Legislature to establish a new university that includes the University of Texas-Pan American, the University of Texas-Brownsville, and a medical school to be located in the Rio Grande Valley;

Whereas approval will unite the entities into one regional emerging research university;

Whereas this unified university will be the second largest Hispanic-serving institution in the nation;

Whereas the new university will capitalize on its location along the border and will enhance bicultural and biliterate education for this rapidly growing population;

Whereas, this new university should become eligible for revenue from the Permanent University Fund to enable the university to become a major catalyst for community and economic development in the Rio Grande Valley and to build a “university of the first class” as envisioned by the authors of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of the University of Texas–Pan American supports in principle the creation of a new university in the Rio Grande Valley.

Voted on at the January 23rd Meeting of the Faculty Senate with the Resolution Carries