**Senate Resolution**

**Whereas,** the Associate Deans for Research, in a report stemming from a Strategic Planning Retreat (conducted April 26-27, 2016), recommended as an action item that five complete years of service be the norm for consideration for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor; and

**Whereas,** the Faculty Research Committee endorses this recommendation; and

**Whereas,** the consideration of candidates for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor during the sixth year is consistent with the AAUP 1940 *Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure,* which forms the basis of Auburn University’s policy on tenure; and

**Whereas,** benchmark data on the norms in peer and aspirational-peer institutions supports the consideration of candidates for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor during the sixth year; and

**Whereas,** the extension of the promotion and tenure calendar will provide more time for candidates to establish programs and document achievements appropriate to their appointment; and

**Whereas,** in exceptional and well-documented cases, a faculty member who has met all of the requirements for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in a shorter time may still be considered for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor earlier than the norm;

**Be it resolved**, that the norm for consideration of candidates for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor be after five complete years of service and during the sixth year of appointment.