RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF ACADEMIC STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
(“AASUA”)

WHEREAS pursuant to current Bylaw 4.3.4 the final authority of the AASUA for purposes of approving a resolution shall be a referendum determined by a ballot of all members of the AASUA;

AND WHEREAS on 20 February 2015 AASUA received a legal opinion from McGown Johnson concluding with the strong recommendation “that the AASUA undertake a complete revision of its Bylaws with the guidance of legal counsel to ensure that they are statutorily compliant, as free from ambiguity as reasonably possible, and provide a framework that makes organizational sense in practice”; 

AND WHEREAS on 2 March 2015 the President called a general membership meeting of the AASUA pursuant to current Bylaw 8.1.1 to be held on Friday, March 27, 2015 in ETLC 1-001 from 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM for the membership to consider a process to effect substantive Bylaw amendments;

AND WHEREAS in advance of the general membership meeting, the members of the AASUA were provided with a copy of McGown Johnson’s 20 February 2015 legal opinion, and this resolution for their advanced consideration;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Executive Director of AASUA shall retain Legal Counsel on behalf of AASUA to draft a complete revision of AASUA’s Bylaws to ensure that they are statutorily compliant, as free from ambiguity as reasonably possible, and provide a framework that makes organizational sense in practice in his or her opinion;

2. The First Draft of the Revised Bylaws produced by Legal Counsel shall be sent to the general membership of the AASUA for the members’ consideration, along with instructions setting out a process for members to submit their comments and feedback to the Bylaw Amendment Committee. The process shall be created by the Bylaw Amendment Committee and shall allow for no more than three weeks for the members to receive, consider, and provide feedback to the Bylaw Amendment Committee;

3. An ad hoc committee of the AASUA is hereby established. The committee shall be called the “Bylaw Amendment Committee”. The composition of the Bylaw Amendment Committee shall be: Barbara Billingsley, Gail Henderson and Elaine Geddes who are AASUA members, are legally trained and have legislative (interpretive and/or drafting) experience. The function of the Bylaw Amendment Committee shall be to receive and consider feedback from the general membership of the AASUA in relation to the First Draft of the Revised Bylaws, and to consult with Legal Counsel regarding potential amendments to the First Draft of the Revised Bylaws. The Bylaw Amendment Committee is responsible to the general membership of AASUA (not to the Council, the Executive Committee, the President, or any other entity within AASUA). The Bylaw Amendment Committee shall conclude its functions no later than three weeks after the deadline set for members to deliver their comments and feedback to it, and upon conclusion of its functions it is automatically abolished;

4. After consulting with the Bylaw Amendment Committee, Legal Counsel shall produce the Final Draft of the Revised Bylaws incorporating such changes as he or she deems appropriate;

5. The Final Draft of the Revised Bylaws shall be sent to the general membership along with instructions setting out the electronic voting process for members to vote on the resolution whether the AASUA should adopt the Final Draft of the Revised Bylaws as their amended bylaws. Pursuant to current Bylaw 11.1 the bylaws may be amended by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two thirds (2/3) of the members who vote on the resolution and members must receive a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days’ notice before voting.

MOVED:  
SECONDED:  

CARRIED □  OR  NOT CARRIED □