To: Timothy Gerber, Chair Faculty Council

Fr: T.K. Daniel

Date: December 2, 2009

RE: Resolution to Honor Dr. E. Gordon Gee, President, The Ohio State University

On behalf of the Faculty Council, and as a member of the University Senate, it is my pleasure to present this Resolution to honor Professor E. Gordon Gee, President of The Ohio State University.

Whereas, E. Gordon Gee is a among the most highly experienced and respected academic leaders having been named by Time Magazine for 2010 as the best of the 10 best college presidents in the United States; and

Whereas, E. Gordon Gee is a recognized national and international leader and highly respected scholar in the fields of law and education having authored numerous articles and papers and co-authored nine books including LAW AND PUBLIC EDUCATION and the upcoming LAW, POLICY AND HIGHER EDUCATION; and

Whereas, E. Gordon Gee is active in national and professional service organizations including serving as co-chair of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities’ Energy Advisory Committee and as a member of the National Commission on Writing for America’s Families, Schools, and Colleges, the Board of Governors of the National Hospice Foundation, the Board of Trustees of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation and the Business-Higher Education Forum; and

Whereas, E. Gordon Gee recognizes the symbiotic role of the 21st Century university to “raise deep and unsettling questions necessary to a society” as well as to “create a high performance [academic] culture that is strategic[,] aggressive[,] … and creative” [and] “work[s] to ensure that our graduates have the skills they need to survive;” and

Whereas, E. Gordon Gee has fostered his vision of robust executive and legislative advocacy of higher education that has contributed toward greater public funding for Ohio State as well as other colleges and universities in the State of Ohio; and
**Whereas, E. Gordon Gee** has been a model university administrator whose foresight, professionalism, integrity, and mentoring has served as an inspiration to faculty, students, staff, and, other administrative colleagues around the country; and

**Whereas, E. Gordon Gee** is one of the most quotable university CEO’s in the country with such statements as “We have to always remind ourselves that we do not simply have a job, we have a calling” and “Ohio State is a place of vast intellectual capital, enormous imagination, and manifest vitality;” and “we have a limitless capacity to do good in the world;” and

**Whereas, E. Gordon Gee** has fostered and championed a blueprint for the future of our university with his plan “From Excellence to Eminence” involving a shared campus vision for One University; Students First with Academic Excellence and Access; Faculty, Staff Talent and Culture; Research Prominence; Outreach and Collaboration; and Operating and Financial Soundness and Simplicity.

**Now, therefore, be it**

**Resolved,** that The Ohio State University Senate honor E. Gordon Gee for his steadfast commitment to the betterment of higher education for all students; his prescient leadership of The Ohio State University and its faculty, staff, and students; his dedication to improving the higher education enterprise through sound policy decisions manifesting a culture that “values collaboration, tolerates risk and rewards shared success,” and for his meritorious service of over thirty years as a scholar and academic chief executive officer; and be it further

**Resolved,** that in gratitude for his substantive contributions to higher education, to The Ohio State University, the University Senate and its 137 members honor President E. Gordon Gee as professor, colleague, and friend; and be it further

**Resolved,** that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Dr. E. Gordon Gee and preserved in the official records of the Faculty Council, the University Senate, and the Board of Trustees on this day, March 11, 2010.