

## **Faculty Research Committee Resolution**

*Presented to the Senate March 20, 2018*

**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 a policy be undertaken to provide incentives directly to the scholarship generating faculty member without complicated criteria; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Steven Leath, Auburn University President, has expressed a goal of making Auburn University a recognized institution of world-class scholarship and research; and

**Whereas**, the Faculty Research Committee recommends that means of rewarding and recognizing scholarly activity done in all departments of the university be created; and

**Whereas**, the specific mechanisms for incentives of scholarship may be College/School or even Department specific; and

**Whereas**, the forms of scholarship that merit reward and recognition are widely varied; and

**Whereas**, some amount of unit level of administration oversight for any development of reward and recognition is needed; and

**Whereas**, responsibility to develop metric(s) by which the effectiveness of such a scholarship incentive program can be evaluated and modified at the unit level are needed;

**Be it resolved**, that the Provost's office is hereby charged to work with the academic units to develop appropriate scholarship incentive program(s) that are inclusive to all meritorious forms of scholarship, not administratively over burdensome, and serve to promote the growth of the research enterprise at Auburn University.