WHEREAS in 1895, Wichita State University was born bearing the name Fairmount College as a liberal arts institution, and through its history the College of Education, College of Fine Arts, W. Frank Barton School of Business, College of Engineering, and College of Health Professions have been created to expand the educational experiences available to the members of the Association and to increase the prestige and profile of the University in the state, region, country, and internationally; and

WHEREAS in 1957, the University established one of the first Honors programs in the country to provide increased academic challenges and opportunities for high achieving students, and in 1978 this program was named for Dr. Elory K. Lindquist, the eighth President of the University, in recognition of his service to the University and in honor of his dedication to the life of the mind; and

WHEREAS in his Inaugural Address, Dr. John Bardo, President of the University, identified the expansion of the Emory Lindquist Honors Program into a fully developed Honors College as a critical component of his vision for the growth and emergence of the University into a position of regional and national leadership; and

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate approved a resolution in favor of exploring the possibility of the creation of such an Honors College on Monday, March 25, 2013; and

WHEREAS the Council of Chief Academic Officers approved the creation of an Honors College on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 and the Faculty Senate approved it on Monday, November 11, 2013; and
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WHEREAS the National Collegiate Honors Council considers that the “basic characteristics of a fully developed Honors College” include existing as an “equal academic unit” that is “headed by a Dean reporting to the chief academic officer of the University”; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the Association includes efforts “to enhance the educational, social, and cultural experiences of the members of the Association”; and

WHEREAS the creation of the Honors College represents a substantial step in raising the profile and prestige of the University in the state, in the region, and across the country, improving the value of the degrees offered to the members of the Association; and

WHEREAS the creation of the Honors College represents a tremendous opportunity for the improvement and advancement of the educational experiences available to the members of the Association; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate supports the creation of an Honors College that exists as an equal academic unit headed by a Dean reporting to the Vice President for Academic Affairs as an important and positive step for the University in the interest of the members of the Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate commends the Faculty Senate for its decision to approve the creation of the Honors College on Monday, November 11, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be forwarded with respect to Dr. John Bardo, President of the University; Dr. Wade Robinson, Vice President for Campus Life and University Relations; Christine Schneikhart-Luebbe, Associate Vice President for Student Engagement and Dean of Students; Anthony Vizzini, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Richard Muma, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. William Vanderburgh, Executive Director of the Office for Faculty Development and Student Success; Dr. Kimberly Engber, Director of the Emory Lindquist Honors Program; Dr. Victoria Mosack, President of the Faculty Senate; the members of the Faculty Senate; Dr. Holger Meyer, Chair of the Faculty Senate Honors Committee; the members of the Faculty Senate Honors Committee; and the Sunflower, the Student Newspaper of Wichita State University.

APPROVED: Wednesday 13 November 2013

[Signatures]

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