UH-Downtown Faculty Senate Resolution# SR-17-02 Date: 02/21/2017

## UHD FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION REGARDING: Workload Redistribution February 21, 2017

WHEREAS: The service workload for many faculty members has become overwhelming, as evidenced by the 2015 Faculty Climate Survey where almost 44% of faculty responded with "Disagree" or "Strongly Disagree" when asked if their workload was reasonable; the service workload is unbalanced in that a minority of people are doing a majority of the work; many junior faculty are being asked to serve and chair university committees; UHD is highly under-staffed when compared to peer institutions causing much committee work to fall to the faculty; many faculty are serving on several important university and departmental committees simultaneously – stretching their attention too thin and preventing their best work on each committee; and teaching and research/scholarship are suffering because of these service workload conditions,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the UHD Faculty Senate urge the Provost, Deans, and Chairs to ensure that:

- No more than one committee assignment, above the level of the discipline/program, be given to new tenure-track faculty in their first year at UHD.
- 2. Tenure track faculty may not chair committees above the level of the discipline/program (i.e., no chairing departmental, college, or university committees) in their first three years at UHD.
- 3. No faculty member may be obligated to serve on more than two University-level committees per year.
- 4. If more than one full professors are on a university level committee, one of the full professors is strongly encouraged to chair that committee.
- 5. If one or more full professors are on departmental Rank and Tenure committees, the committee must be chaired by a full professor.