WHEREAS, the Wright State Research Institute (WSRI) and the Wright State Applied Research Corporation (WSARC) better enable university faculty to participate in special contract opportunities and classified research, and

WHEREAS, WSRI and WSARC operate independent of meaningful faculty oversight and principles of shared governance, and

WHEREAS, mismanagement has led to poor financial oversight, questionable and unallowable payments in the amount of $1.85 million, and violations of university policy, and

WHEREAS, the staffing of WSRI and WSARC with Wright State University employees, using university resources, and without independent financial accounts, presents ongoing legal, financial, and reputational risks to Wright State University, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate calls upon the Wright State University administration to spin off both WSRI and WSARC as entities wholly separate from Wright State University, to be staffed by non-university employees, to establish their own bank accounts and finance departments, and to hire their own legal counsel, as per the recommendations of the Office of the Ohio Inspector General’s December 12, 2017 Report of Investigation involving Ron Wine Consulting Group and Wright State University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate calls upon Wright State University to implement a revised affiliation agreement with both WSRI and WSARC so as to promote collaboration between WSRI and Wright State University faculty in research areas of interest, while maintaining a complete wall of separation between the University and the affiliated entities.