Resolution of the University of South Carolina Faculty Senate
Approved by the Faculty Senate - Thursday, April 29, 2004

Whereas, A merger of the USC and MUSC Colleges of Pharmacy has been recommended by the Presidents of the respective institutions; and

Whereas, The USC College of Pharmacy faculty support the concept of collaboration for the purpose of improved effectiveness and efficiency; and

Whereas, The proposed merger is based on an incomplete and inaccurate evaluation of the capabilities, facilities, resources and performance of the USC College of Pharmacy by a group of three outside consulting Deans that spent approximately six hours conducting a site visit to USC; and;

Whereas, A merger of the two Colleges of Pharmacy was presented to a joint USC/MUSC faculty study committee as the only option to enhance collaboration between the institutions; and

Whereas, A report by a professional consultant hired by USC and MUSC to consult with the joint USC/MUSC faculty study committee raised a number of concerns about the planning and implementation of the merger of the two colleges; and

Whereas, The impact of the proposed merger needs to be scrutinized thoroughly and openly; and

Whereas, The logistics of a merger of two public Colleges of Pharmacy with diverse cultures, histories, faculty governance structures and terms of employment have not been considered; and

Whereas, There is no precedent for accreditation of a merged College of Pharmacy by the national accrediting organization for Colleges of Pharmacy (ACPE); therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of the University of South Carolina opposes the merger of the USC and MUSC Colleges of Pharmacy professional programs until such time that the consequences and costs of the merger can be fully examined.

Resolved, That the Senate opposes any institutional mergers unless the proposals are examined thoroughly and discussed openly among all affected parties.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the USC College of Pharmacy Faculty,

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