Resolution in re: GPSEPC Memorandum of March 16, 2010
Creation of a Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies

WHEREAS in its April 22 and May 13, 2010 meetings, the Academic Senate discussed the GPSEPC’s proposed memorandum to the Provost, recommending creation of the position, Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies: a position parallel to that of Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academics in the matters of strategic, programmatic and accredittive assistance to the Provost, but divergent in its focus on student services, advocacy, and recruiting; and

WHEREAS the Senate acknowledges that the College ought to adjust its administrative structure to respond to growth in the size and number of graduate and professional programs; and

WHEREAS the Senate acknowledges that Saint Mary’s College ought to provide appropriate support services for graduate and professional programs; and

WHEREAS the Senate is in receipt of the Provost’s explanatory memorandum (May 8, 2010) and draft job description (April 30, 2010); but

WHEREAS, nevertheless, the Senate continues to hear objection, viz.: that the job description of the position is merely formulaic; that “vice provost” constitutes an ad hoc innovation, inessential to the provost model of governance duly adopted by the College in consultation with the Senate; that the functions, actual and proposed for the position “vice provost” seem to come short of the common implications of the title;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the Chair of the Academic Senate shall commit the Senate Past Chair and the Chair of the GPSEPC:

(1) to draft, in concert with the Provost or the Provost’s designee, an appropriate Handbook description of the position supposed by the GPSEPC’s memorandum of March 16, 2010, and more closely sketched in the Provost’s draft of April 30, 2010;

(2) to propose, in consultation with the Handbook counsel, Jim Sauerberg, such changes to the wider Handbook as may be implied by the product of section (1) above;

(3) to present the results of sections (1) and (2), as a resolution for the Senate Agenda under New Business, no later than the Executive Meeting of November 2, 2010.