A Vanderbilt Faculty Senate Resolution Honoring Susan Wente

WHEREAS Susan R. Wente is concluding 19 years of exemplary leadership, tireless service, and immeasurable impact at Vanderbilt University and

WHEREAS she has demonstrated adept guidance, fluid decision making, and multipronged constituent engagement during unprecedented health, political and humanitarian crises and

WHEREAS her leadership has been marked by an open door and emphasis on presence and availability to her community as both colleague and leader and

WHEREAS Provost Wente has engaged faculty and staff in a thoughtful examination of ways that institutional policy, practice and culture challenge Vanderbilt’s commitment to gender equity through the WAVE Council and

WHEREAS Provost Wente has composed a diverse and outstanding administrative team to support students and faculty in achieving their learning, teaching, and research undertakings in the most successful and creative ways possible and

WHEREAS Provost Wente has leveraged and developed faculty and student opportunities for interdisciplinary and collaborative research and learning with initiatives such as the establishment of the University Arts Council and cohosting a town hall with the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine and

WHEREAS Provost Wente continued to challenge students to pursue innovative avenues of discovery and development beyond the classroom and beyond their primary areas of specialty,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Vanderbilt University Faculty Senate celebrates Susan Wente for her demonstrated dedication to the mission of our institution and her compassionate advocacy for students, faculty, and staff during seven years as provost, one year as interim chancellor, and many years as professor and department chair and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE FACULTY SENATE OF VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY offers its most sincere thanks to Susan R. Wente for her earnest partnership, transparent leadership and unwavering commitment to the mission of Vanderbilt University and to our work as scholars, teachers and artists.

Catherine McTamaney, Chair

Ben Harris, Vice-Chair