

**Baylor University Board of Regents**  
**Resolution on the Baylor University Faculty**  
February 18, 2022

WHEREAS, the founding vision for Baylor University called for “a plan so broad that the requirements of existing conditions would be fully met and that would be susceptible of enlargement and development to meet the demands of all ages to come.”

WHEREAS, in May 2018 Baylor President Linda A. Livingstone, Ph.D., presented the *Illuminate* strategic plan for approval to the Baylor University Board of Regents with the intention that it would “amplify and expand our Christian commitment and position Baylor for leadership in fields of national importance.”

WHEREAS, in December 2021 the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education notified Baylor that the University had achieved Research 1 status, thereby establishing Baylor among the nation’s top research institutions as a “doctoral university with very high research activity” and as a preeminent Christian research university.

WHEREAS, this achievement of R1 standing was built upon a decades-long foundation of visionary strategic planning and dedicated collaboration among all members of the Baylor University community, including the Sesquicentennial Council of 150, Baylor 2012, *Pro Futuris* and, most recently, *Illuminate*.

WHEREAS, the members of Baylor University’s faculty have inspired students – both undergraduate and graduate – to participate, collaborate, and grow in a community of scholars that has contributed to Baylor’s institutional expansion and academic prestige.

WHEREAS, the members of Baylor University’s faculty have served as an irreplaceable component of such strategic planning, collaborative endeavors, and scholarly activity, thereby establishing the University as “a city on a hill” where outstanding teacher-scholars can combine their Christian faith with top-tier research programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Baylor University Board of Regents and Baylor President Linda A. Livingstone, Ph.D., gratefully extend their gratitude and that of the entire Baylor Family to the members of Baylor University’s faculty for their commitment to excellence in teaching and research and their unwavering dedication to advancing the University’s mission as Baylor seeks to address our world’s most significant challenges and to shine forth as the light of Christ.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be shared with the Baylor faculty and Faculty Senate in recognition of its role as the representative, deliberative, and legislative body of the Baylor University Faculties.

The Baylor University Board of Regents this eighteenth day of February two thousand twenty-two:

Mark Rountree  
Chair, Board of Regents  
Baylor University

Members of the Board of Regents