AMENDED RESOLUTION E02-20 AUTHORIZATION FOR UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT TO ENACT TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, the discovery of an expanding number of cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the world and United States, including cases recently confirmed in Ohio, presents new challenges to University officials to safeguard the health of students, employees, visitors, and others in the University community; and

WHEREAS, until the coronavirus is contained, flexibility is needed with respect to existing University policies and procedures, to ensure that the administration may take prompt action in the best interests of the University community without obtaining formal Board approval; and

WHEREAS, as long as the coronavirus still poses a potential risk, issues that for which such flexibility may be needed include, but are not limited to: student and employee attendance requirements; employee use of paid and unpaid leave; authorization for employees to travel on University business; reporting on personal travel outside the United States; methods of delivery of course material; cancellation of campus gatherings and existing contractual agreements; and the cancellation or rescheduling of events, including athletic events;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University authorizes the University President to enact temporary emergency procedures that may expand, restrict or otherwise modify the rights and responsibilities of members of the University community that are currently provided for in University policies; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the University administration shall take reasonable efforts to ensure that any such temporary emergency procedures that are enacted are communicated to members of the University community in a manner that will ensure broad dissemination, which may include emails, text alerts, and postings on the University web site; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the authority granted herein may be rescinded by the Board Chair when such authority is deemed no longer necessary.