WHEREAS, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln no longer recognizes the outstanding professor at the convocation for incoming freshman; and,

WHEREAS, all 10 colleges and all 3 programs offered at UNL through other colleges, currently recognize at least one outstanding faculty member at least once a year.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED, the following lines be struck from the ASUN bylaws Article IV Section C Sub-section 1 (and chair the selection committee for the outstanding educator of the year award). And sections 13.0-13.5 in the “special rules”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY ENACTED, that the members of the academic committee reach out to each college and program with the intent of making these awards more known to students.

The Academic Committee Chair shall meet on a monthly basis with a representative from the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs. and chair the Selection Committee for the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award.

13.0. Outstanding Educator of the Year Award—Mission Statement. The Outstanding Educator Award is to publicly recognize high quality educators within the University of Nebraska—Lincoln. Since teacher evaluations are not published, students may get the feeling that their opinion doesn't count. ASUN wants you to understand your opinion does count. This recognition gives the student one avenue to have his or her opinion to be heard and seen on a campus-wide basis. In doing this, we hope to promote cohesive faculty/student relationships, thus improving the University community as a whole. In identifying outstanding educators we encourage a higher form of quality education and create a standard for others to follow at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln.

13.1. Qualifications. Any nominee for the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award must be a member of the faculty or have Graduate Teaching Assistant standing at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln and must not have been a recipient of the award in the previous two years.
13.2. Voting Requirements. Students shall vote for the Outstanding Educator of the Year-Award, and the students must meet the criteria for voting in the general ASUN election.

13.3. Voting Procedures. Voting for the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award shall be through write-in votes for an educator of a small class (less than sixty students), and for a large class (more than sixty students). The two educators with the most votes for the small class and four educators with the most votes for the large class shall submit a “Statement of Teaching Philosophy” and go through an interview with the selection committee.

13.4. Selection Committee. The Selection Committee shall consist of the Academic Committee Chair, three UNL students at large, and one or more previous recipients of the Outstanding Educator Award. The Chair of the committee shall be the Academic Committee Chair and shall only vote in the case of a tie. The Selection Committee shall select the Outstanding Educator based on the “Statement of Teaching Philosophy” and interview.

13.5. Congratulatory Process. The Outstanding Educator shall receive a plaque of recognition, be invited and recognized by ASUN at the Installation Ceremonies. 

SUBMITTED BY      Academic Committee                  DATE  2-10-16

EXECUTIVE ACTION  Student Services Committee           DATE  2-10-16

COMMITTEE ACTION  PASSED                                DATE  2-15-16

FLOOR ACTION                                               DATE

PRESIDENTIAL SIGNATURE                                    DATE