Faculty Senate Resolution 2004-05—02 (as amended on 12/3/04) FACULTY PREPAREDNESS IN APPROPRIATELY RESPONDING TO STUDENT DEPRESSION

WHEREAS, the incidence of adolescent depression, which includes college students, is increasing; and

WHEREAS, unrecognized/untreated student depression can result in undesirable consequences such as poor academic performance, social anxiety/isolation, eating/sleeping disorders, antisocial behaviors, risky behaviors (e.g., drug use; promiscuous, unsafe sex; unsafe driving), suicide; and

WHEREAS, training faculty to identify potential cases of student depression, including knowledge of which community/university resources faculty should activate to intervene with these cases; and

WHEREAS, professional intervention may result in treatment for students with this highly treatable disease;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the faculty senate recommends that appropriate training be made available to the faculty in order to be a positive resource for CNU students.

Submitted by: Walter Wymer, member of University Senate.