WHEREAS, skillful, enthusiastic, and innovative teachers improve the lives of our students by encouraging curiosity and understanding and by contributing to the development of mind and spirit; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching (FACET) Teacher of the Year is the only award at West Virginia State University that recognizes teaching excellence by students and fellow faculty members.

WHEREAS, The recipient(s) of the FACET Teacher of the Year have been chosen by a selection committee after being nominated, accepting the nomination, and submitting a teaching portfolio in accordance with the stated requirements; and

WHEREAS, the WVSU faculty, staff, and administration have long supported excellence in teaching; and

WHEREAS, the recipient(s) have shown that he/she truly goes above and beyond expectations of faculty in the classroom and out; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life and the scope of opportunity for many future citizens of will be determined by the quality of teaching in the classroom; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of West Virginia State University commends the co-recipients, Dr. Jessica Barnes-Pietruszynski, Asst. professor of English, and Dr. Michael Fultz, Asst. Professor of Chemistry, at upon being named the 2013 FACET Outstanding Teacher of the Year and recommends awarding them with a trophy and cash prize.