Faculty Handbook Revision Committee  
Revision to (Elimination of) Preface (FHRC Recommended Language)

FHRC recommends elimination of the Preface. Earlier versions of the Handbook (prior to 2007) did not include a Preface, and there was consensus that the Preface served no clear function in the Handbook.

Original:

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