To Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents and Chair Boehne, and members of the 
NKU community.

At our meeting on November 28, 2022, the NKU Faculty Senate issued the following statement 
regarding the NKU Board of Regents acting as an authorizer of charter schools.

In the 2022 session, the Kentucky legislature passed HB 9, which gave authority to the Northern 
Kentucky University board of regents to have authorizing jurisdiction for a Kentucky public 
charter school pilot project. The NKU board of regents must declare by January 1, 2023 whether 
they confirm their status as a pilot project authorizer.

The NKU Faculty Senate opposes the board of regents serving as a charter school pilot project 
authorizer for the following reasons:

1. Serving as a charter school authorizer does not further the mission and vision of the 
   university. NKU did not request to be an authorizer of the charter school pilot 
   project.
2. Involvement as a charter school authorizer conflicts with the NKU Core Values, 
   primarily our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
3. As members of the public education ecosystem, we are unequivocal in our support 
   of excellence in public education across the continuum.
4. NKU has a robust partnership with the public P-12 school districts in northern 
   Kentucky. A large portion of our student body comes from northern Kentucky high 
   schools. Numerous NKU graduates serve as teachers, administrators, and counselors 
   in the local schools. These partnerships must not be jeopardized.
5. Charter schools have a mixed track record of support for ALL students and their 
   success.