Resolution on the Primacy of Academic Governance Over Academic Curriculum, Programs, and Instruction

Whereas, The elimination, consolidation, or other changes to programs or departments constitutes a change to the curriculum, and

Whereas, Section 3.4 of the Faculty Handbook is entitled “Primacy of Academic Governance over Academic Curriculum and Instruction,” and

Whereas, Section 3.4 of the Faculty Handbook states that “[t]he basic and most important unit in determining curricula is the academic department,” and

Whereas, Section 3.4.2 of the Faculty Handbook identifies “department, college, or school,” the “Faculty Senate,” “Student Government Association,” or “Council of Deans” as the bodies that make recommendations for curriculum changes, and

Whereas, Section 3.4.2 of the Faculty Handbook states, “Recommendations for changes in general academic policies or academic programs must be submitted to the Academic Policies and Procedures Committee…”; therefore, be it

Resolved, That any changes to departments or departmental programs be carried out in consultation with the departments involved; and therefore, be it

Further Resolved, That it is the position of the Faculty Senate that any changes to programs or departments must be approved by the Academic Policies and Procedures Committee according to the rules outlined in the Faculty Handbook.