**A Commissioners’ Resolution regarding the restructuring of the University of Tulsa to reduce its commitment to humanities and liberal arts and sciences:**

Whereas Presbyterians have always valued the humanities and all the arts and sciences in higher education as essential to a quality education,

And, whereas the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities has noted the need for strong arts and sciences programs (including religion, philosophy, and the humanities),

And whereas the Presbyteries in Oklahoma have, over the years, been supporters of Presbyterian higher education at the University of Tulsa,

We express our concern over the recent restructuring plan of the University of Tulsa, in which it appears humanities and the arts and sciences are being devalued. This is a move away from Presbyterian educational values.

Therefore, we ask:

1. Did the University of Tulsa seek out any Presbyterian educational voices such as the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities in examining various strategies for restructuring?
2. Does the University of Tulsa still consider itself to be a Presbyterian-related University?

As graduates of, and/or advocates for Presbyterian-related colleges and Presbyterian leaders, we are very concerned about declining support for the humanities, liberal arts and sciences at higher education institutions that serve to educate the next generations of faith leaders and engaged members of society.

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