Resolution of the Voting Members of the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

Approved (7-0), May 3, 2019.

Resolved: We, the Henry Kendall College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, wish to draw the attention of our dean, the provost, and members of University Curriculum Committee (UCC) to this committee’s charge, which is stated in the A&S Faculty Handbook (p. 4): This committee “shall have the responsibility for review of the Collegiate baccalaureate requirements and curricula and for action on proposals to alter them.” We add that such alterations include not only the approval of new courses and programs but also their deletion, as evidenced by our minutes.

Item: We wish to draw the attention of the above to the charge of the UCC, where our chair is a voting member and serves as our representative. The charge was approved on September 26, 2018: “[P]roposals for creation or cancelation of undergraduate programs (degrees, majors, minors and certificates) shall be submitted to University Curriculum Committee.”

Item: We are troubled by the fact that the True Commitment Plan, which brings significant changes to our college’s curricula, programs, and degrees, has been enacted without the consultation or approval of this committee or the UCC. We believe this violates procedure and is an abrogation of the rights and responsibilities of this committee, its analogues, and the UCC.

Item: We ask the above to consider these concerns carefully and to rectify the situation by honoring this committee’s charge and established procedure. The recommendations of the True Commitment Plan must be subject to our evaluation, review, and approval. Proposals approved at the college level must be subject to the approval of the UCC.

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