RESOLUTION ON TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING VIRTUAL LEARNING REVIEW

Impact on Existing Policy: This resolution supersedes AS-895-20 and temporarily supersedes AS-896-20.¹

WHEREAS, AS-895-20 suspended the requirement for an eLearning addendum for faculty who wished to teach courses virtually in Academic Year of 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, AS-895-20 further resolved that “Any course offered virtually from Spring 2020 through Spring 2021 would need to be approved through the regular curricular review process before being offered again virtually after the Spring 2021 term unless [AS-895-20] is extended by the Academic Senate,” and

WHEREAS, AS-896-20, which replaced the eLearning addendum with an updated online learning review process developed by the Academic Senate Task Force on Online Teaching & Learning, is ready to deploy for Fall of 2020; and

WHEREAS, Because of ongoing uncertainties of the status of COVID-19 and its impact on virtual instruction for the Summer of 2021 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Faculty, particularly those in high-risk groups, may wish to continue to teach virtually as long as they feel there is a threat of being exposed to the virus; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate extend the terms of AS-895-20 in the context of AS-896-20 and suspend the requirement for curricular review of online courses for faculty who wish to teach them virtually because of COVID-19 in Academic Year of 2021-2022; and

furthermore, let it be

RESOLVED: That any course offered virtually from Spring 2020 through Spring 2022 would need to be approved through the regular curricular review process before being offered again virtually after the Spring 2022 term unless this resolution is extended by the Academic Senate
Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: September 7, 2020

(1) Describe how this resolution impacts existing policy on educational matters that affect the faculty. Examples include curricula, academic personnel policies, and academic standards.
(2) Indicate if this resolution supersedes or rescinds current resolutions.
(3) If there is no impact on existing policy, please indicate NONE.
MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Response to AS-903-20: Resolution on Temporarily Suspending Virtual Learning Review

I am pleased to acknowledge and accept the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution. Additionally, I want to extend my thanks to the Academic Senate for being proactive to facilitate virtual instruction into the next academic year (2021-2022).

Please express my appreciation to the Academic Senate and the Academic Senate Executive Committee for their attention to this important curricular matter.