

## Resolution on Graduate Council Procedure on Article 9 Proposals

**Whereas** the Graduate Council does not represent either the administration or the Faculty Association, but the graduate faculty, and

**Whereas** the Graduate School has its own operating paper, and the Graduate Council has its own procedural resolutions and precedents to guide it, and

**Whereas** the Article 9 Restructuring plans and the responses they elicit will require significant time to be properly considered according to the Council's operating paper, procedures, and precedents, and

**Whereas** the Council is obliged to deliberate as efficiently on this matter as it does on all other matters, and

**Whereas** the procedure and precedent for program changes in many colleges is that program change materials be reviewed and voted on by appropriate department/school and college committees before they are voted on by the Graduate Council and Faculty Senate, and

**Whereas** the procedure and precedent for program changes requires that the following documentation be provided: the Reasonable and Moderate Extension form and/or New Unit of Instruction form from the affected departments/schools, with cover memoranda from the chair or director of the affected program and the appropriate dean, and the Approval Form for Curricular Changes listing the dates of the relevant committee, academic unit, and college votes, as necessary, and the signatures of the responsible authorities, and

**Whereas** there may be majorities in various proposed units that are opposed to the changes and will want the chance to express their reasons for opposition both in writing and orally to the Council the day votes are taken, and

**Whereas**, both the speed and massive nature of the proposed university-wide restructuring is unprecedented,

**Be it therefore resolved** that we shall not deviate from established Graduate Council policies when reviewing proposals initiated by the administration, and

**Be it further resolved** that upon receipt of a formal request from the Provost's office, the New Programs Committee of the Graduate Council will review the accompanying documentation to ensure that all procedures have been duly followed, and that the following documentation is attached, the Reasonable and Moderate Extension form and/or the New Unit of Instruction form from the affected departments/schools, with cover memoranda from the chair or director of all affected programs and the appropriate dean, and the Approval Form for Curricular Changes listing the dates of the relevant committee, academic unit, and college votes where required by procedure and precedent, and the signatures of the responsible authorities, and

**Be it further resolved** that the chair of the Graduate Council is authorized and encouraged to take advantage of appropriate parliamentary procedure, including the recognition of members and visitors of the Council for specified lengths of time, to ensure orderly consideration of these proposals, and

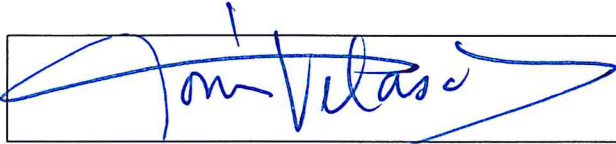
**Be it further resolved** that the New Programs committee will work in consultation with the Undergraduate Policy Committee of the Faculty Senate to try to ensure a degree of uniformity in procedure, and

**Be it further resolved** that the chair of the Graduate Council will directly forward a copy of the Approval Form for Curricular Changes with our votes included directly to the President and Board of Trustees, and

**Be it further resolved** that the Graduate Council should neither delay nor rush these proposals because of pressure by other parties.

Date of Approval

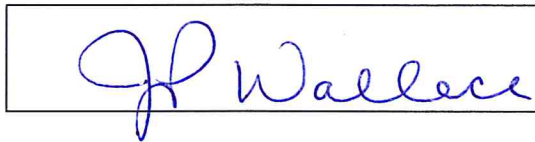
March 1, 2018



March 21, 2018

Chair, Graduate Council

Date



March 26, 2018

Dean, Graduate School

Date