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A RESOLUTION PROPOSING AMENDING THE FACULTY SENATE
CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE A CORE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the university is now accredited to teach first-year and sophomore
students in the fall of 2016; and

WHEREAS, management of the university curriculum is a primary responsibility
of the faculty;

WHEREAS, the current Core Curriculum committee exists as an ad hoc
committee; and

WHEREAS, there are no clear guidelines on how a Core Curriculum Committee
interacts with the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee or who should be
on the Core Curriculum Committee; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a Core Curriculum Committee be added
to the Faculty Senate Constitution.

Amendment to the Constitution

9.2.1 The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee shall consist of the following
members: one Faculty Senate representative elected by the Faculty Senate
to serve as chair of the committee voting only in the case of a tie, the chair
of each college curriculum committee, and one elected at large member
from each college. The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee shall have a
permeant sub-committee dedicated to advising on core curriculum issues.
consists of three representatives (one from Arts & Sciences, Education & Human
Development, and Business) elected by their respective Academic Units and two
representatives of the Faculty Senate elected by the Faculty Senate. The
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee of the Faculty Senate considers, and
makes recommendations to the Provost and President regarding, all academic
matters of the University involving policy and procedure including but not limited
to:

(a) Undergraduate admissions requirements
(b) Undergraduate graduation requirements
(c) Undergraduate academic standards
(d) Undergraduate curriculum
(e) New undergraduate course creation
New undergraduate degrees
New undergraduate programs
Undergraduate core requirements

The Core Curriculum Sub-Committee of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee shall consist of one member of the University Curriculum Committee from each college. The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, The Director of University Library and the Assistant Vice President of the University College shall serve as advisory non-voting members. The Core Curriculum Sub-Committee oversees the core curriculum. All proposals from the core curriculum committee must also be approved by the full undergraduate curriculum committee.

(a) Core curriculum academic standards
(b) Additions and withdrawals of core curriculum courses
(c) Assessment of the core curriculum
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REQUEST TO REDUCE FACUTY OFFICE HOURS

WHEREAS, the office hour policy at Texas A&M –San Antonio currently requires more hours than at other institutions in Texas;

WHEREAS, a competitive office hour policy will help with recruitment and retention of top faculty;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we request office hours for faculty be set at one hour per class per week to a maximum of four hours.