**Resolution to Introduce Pass/Fail “Gateway Courses”**

Whereas SMU students can currently only take courses as pass/fail that do not count for majors, minors, or elements of the core curriculum; and

Whereas this restriction essentially makes the pass/fail policy otiose; and

Whereas, students benefit from experimenting in areas without fear that it will negatively affect their GPA; and

Whereas a liberalized pass fail policy would be likely to increase students’ exposure to areas and disciplines they were not familiar with before coming to SMU; and

Whereas departments are best positioned to decide which courses they offer, if any, are appropriate to be taken pass/fail; therefore let it be

Resolved that the Faculty Senate of SMU recommends a revision of the pass/fail policy for undergraduates so that:

1. departments can choose up to two “gateway” courses that can be taken for pass/fail while still counting for major/minor and general education requirements; and
2. Students cannot take more than one such gateway course per semester; and
3. Gateway courses must be approved as such by the CGE.