***Resolution on Introduction of New Courses***

*Whereas the faculty and the SMU Faculty Senate are responsible for exercising “leadership to achieve and maintain a high quality of intellectual life for the University” (University By-Laws, Art. V, sec. 5.10a, Faculty Senate Constitution, Art. V, sec. 2(a)), and*

*Whereas the faculty has the responsibility to “prescribe and recommend….courses of study” (University By-Laws, Art. V, sec. 5.20), and*

*Whereas it is also the responsibility of the Faculty Senate to “[m]onitor the general education curriculum, interdisciplinary academic programs, university libraries, information technology, university research subventions, university support for scholarly publications, and the activities of non-School academic institutes and programs,” (Faculty Senate Constitution, Art. V, sec. 2(b)), and*

*Whereas it is a comprehensive standard of accreditation set forth by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools that “the institution places primary responsibility for the content, quality, and effectiveness of the curriculum with its faculty,” (SACS Principles of Accreditation, 3.4.10) and*

*Whereas, SMU has recently introduced courses offered by Semester Online into its curriculum in the absence of any mechanism for pre-approval by the relevant academic units; now therefore be it*

*Resolved, that the Faculty Senate of Southern Methodist University, on October 2, 2013, requests the SMU Administration to determine or establish procedures whereby all courses to be offered for SMU credit are submitted for pre-approval by appropriate faculty, departments, and schools.*