

## **Resolution by the SMU Faculty Senate on the Adoption of UC 2016**

*Whereas the faculty of SMU voted in 2010 to implement a comprehensive University Curriculum (henceforth UC 2010), and*

*Whereas UC 2010 encountered significant difficulties in implementation, and*

*Whereas UC 2010 has made it difficult for students to graduate from SMU in four years, and*

*Whereas there have been numerous modifications to UC 2010 that have not received explicit faculty approval, and*

*Whereas UC 2010 has been rendered functional only by stop-gap exemptions that allow students to graduate in a timely fashion, and*

*Whereas the exemptions to UC 2010 negatively impact the viability of important courses of study,*

*Whereas the exemptions to UC 2010 undermine SMU's goal of having a well-rounded curriculum, and*

*Whereas Peter Moore, the Associate Dean of General Education, has worked tirelessly with the University Curriculum Committee, the Academic Policies Committee, and the faculty at large to develop a revised curriculum (henceforth UC 2016), and*

*Whereas UC 2016 is a curriculum based on the data and lessons gained from the experience with UC 2010, and*

*Whereas UC 2016 preserves the spirit of UC 2010 and provides for a broad core education at SMU, and*

*Whereas UC 2016 is simpler than UC 2010 and allows students to graduate in four years as well as major in multiple courses of study, and*

*Whereas it is the duty of the faculty to “maintain a high level of intellectual life of the university,” (University Bylaws Section 5.10) and*

*Whereas it is in the power of the faculty of the colleges of SMU to prescribe and recommend courses of study and conditions of graduation, (SMU Bylaws, Section 5.20) and*

*Whereas “The faculty of Southern Methodist University has no responsibility greater than control of the curriculum,” (The University Curriculum 2010, as adopted by the Faculty of the University March 19, 2010 and the SMU Board of Trustees, May 7, 2010, p.4)*

*Whereas the Faculty Senate of Southern Methodist University bears the responsibility of speaking and acting for the General Faculty in matters affecting the University as a whole (Faculty Senate Constitution, preamble) now therefore be it*

*Resolved, that the Faculty Senate recommends adoption of UC 2016 as the core curriculum for SMU until such time, no later than the Fall of 2019, as a new or revised curriculum is developed by the Provost and the faculty.*