**Resolution on Revising the Repeat Policy for First-year Undergraduate Students**

Whereas SMU is committed to giving its students opportunities to succeed; and

Whereas it is more important that students eventually succeed than that they never fail; and

Whereas many of SMU’s “aspirational” schools have more accommodating repeat policies than SMU does; and

Whereas many students who are admitted to SMU are nonetheless unprepared for the rigor of parts of SMU’s curriculum; and

Whereas SMU welcomes transfer students from community colleges and other universities; and

Whereas successful completion of SMUs curriculum requires skills that are often not imparted by community colleges and high schools; and

Whereas the current repeat policy excludes transfer students and is limited to a repeat of courses taken in the first-year; and

Whereas it is often the case that students realize that they lack important background and skills in advanced classes taken after their first year; and

Whereas it is not unusual for personal circumstances to result in poor performance in classes that is not representative of a student’s quality or career; therefore let it be

Resolved, that the first year repeat policy in which a student can repeat a course for a replacement grade be liberalized, so as to

1. Increase the number of classes that can be repeated for a replacement grade from 3 to 6;
2. Allow classes to be repeated during any year a student is enrolled at SMU, rather than just in the first year;
3. Allow transfer students to take advantage of the repeat policy.