Motion to Require Budget Information in Curriculum Proposals

Referred by the Faculty Senate Executive Council

Motion

The Faculty Senate supports the establishment of the guidelines below to be followed by departments, schools, and colleges that propose either new programs or changes to existing programs, and by the curriculum committees that shall consider such proposals. ‘Programs’ shall include ‘certificates’.

1) All proposals for new programs or for changes to programs should identify whether new resources are required for implementation;
2) The amount of resources required for implementation should be specified;
3) The source of funds—whether new state allocations, private funds, or internal reallocation—should be specified;
4) The amount of tuition that it is anticipated would be paid by students enrolled in the program should be specified; and
5) Curriculum committees at all levels—department or school, college, senate, and university—may approve proposals as submitted, disapprove proposals as submitted, or approve proposals contingent upon the availability of resources for implementation.

Rationale

New academic programs and substantive changes to existing programs may require resources for implementation. In the absence of new resources through state or private funding, internal reallocation has been looked to as a way of funding such initiatives; but decisions to reallocate resources may have a direct impact on existing curricula for which University faculty are primarily responsible. This motion is intended to clarify the impact that adding or revising programs will have on existing programs.