Motion on the Elimination of Academic Programs

Referred by Paul Thomas on Behalf of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Whereas the university has an established system of annual and five-year program reviews with the stated purpose of “enable[ing] the university to provide evidence of meeting accountability and accreditation requirements of external agencies, including the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).”

Whereas the university has not declared financial exigency which is the only written procedure available for eliminating programs besides the five-year program review process.

Be it resolved that, in order to protect the processes that guarantee the integrity of the curriculum and the faculty’s input on curricular matters, the faculty senate recommends that no academic programs be eliminated, realigned, or consolidated outside established program review processes.