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Amendment A to University Policy S13-9, Merging, Dividing, Transferring, Eliminating Academic Units

Rescinds: S06-7

Legislative History:

At its meeting of May 8, 2006 the Academic Senate passed S06-7, a policy recommendation from the Organization and Government Committee to address the need for a university policy prescribing procedures to merge, divide, transfer or eliminate academic departments. Approved and signed by President Don Kassing on May 15, 2006.

Subsequently, on March 14, 2011, the Academic Senate approved the Sense of the Senate Resolution SS-S11-3 to provide voting guidelines to be used when implementing S06-7. Endorsed by the Executive Committee on March 7, 2011.

And finally, at its meeting of May 6, 2013, the Academic Senate approved S13-9 to amend S06-7 which provided an operational roadmap to ensure transparency and to facilitate full participation of affected academic units and programs subject to proposed mergers, division, transfer or elimination. Approved and signed by President Mohammad Quayoumi on June 11, 2013.

At its meeting of March 4, 2019, the Academic Senate approved the following amendment to University Policy S13-9 presented by Senator Shifflett for the Organization and Government Committee. Amendment A to S13-9 rescinds University Policy S06-7.

Approved and signed by President
Mary A. Papazian on April 15, 2019

Whereas: S13-9 preserves the intent of S06-7 by carrying forward the resolved points regarding merging, dividing, transferring or eliminating academic units, and
Whereas: S13-9 provides a clear operational roadmap including steps to limit the potential need for conflict resolution, which was not part of S06-7, and

Whereas: S13-9 provides voting guidelines aligned with the CBA and SS-S11-3 which continue to stand, therefore, be it

Resolved: That S06-7 be rescinded:

Rationale: S13-9 amended S06-7, but in fact, should have rescinded the older policy. S13-9 can and should replace S06-7 since it contained the key provisions of the original policy while adding a clear operational process to (a) ensure that all parties adhered to the principle of meaningful consultation with all academic units affected by a proposed merger, department division, transfer, or elimination and (b) minimize the likelihood of the need for conflict resolution. Additionally, procedures that address voting within the departments to be consistent with the voting rights afforded by the CBA and consistent with SS-S11-3 were included.

Approved: 11/26/18
Vote: 10-0-0
Present: Bailey, Capizzi, Curry, French, Gallo, Higgins, Grosvenor, Ormsbee, Rodan, Shifflett
Absent: Saldamli
Financial Impact: None
Workload Impact: None