

## **Steering Committee [Motion 2011-10-M03]: Faculty Governance**

### **Whereas, the UNCW Faculty Governance Policy states:**

*The Faculty is accountable for establishing curricula; reviewing existing programs, including auxiliary academic programs (e.g., continuing education); deleting programs; developing and reviewing proposed new programs;*

### **Whereas, the UNCW Faculty Governance Policy states:**

*The Faculty has the responsibility and authority to provide to the administration recommendations concerning the development and implementation of other policies affecting academic life. This requires timely consultation on policies including, but not limited to: allocation of academic positions, appointment and retention of administrators;*

**Whereas, the duties of the Curriculum Committee of the Faculty Senate include the review [of] all proposals for the following: the establishment, dissolution, division, or consolidation of academic departments or other degree-granting entities; and other general curricular policies which have total university impact;**

**Whereas, the procedures for carrying out these duties state that** *recommendations of the University Curriculum Committee are first submitted to the Faculty Senate and, if approved, are submitted to the chief academic officer for official approval;*

**Whereas, the UNCW Catalogue Policy requires revisions to the Catalogue be submitted with appropriate documentation in which** *such revisions are printed as submitted and without further review of content if no changes and all other revisions must be submitted with appropriate documentation by the internal (UNCW) or external (non-UNCW) approval committees, officials or agencies prior to such changes being included in the catalogues;*

**Whereas, the faculty senate has a historic record of carrying out its responsibilities and utilizing its authority to provide to the administration recommendations in related cases; and**

**Whereas, the duties of the deans of the colleges and schools encompass the area of responsibility to ensure[s] faculty, department/program, and student compliance with all academic policies set by the university;**

**Resolved, That the proposed merger between the departments of Geology and Geography and Physics and Physical Oceanography and any other such proposals follow the internal approval process.**