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5 A RESOLUTION PROPOSING AMENDING THE FACULTY SENATE
6 CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE A CORE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

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8 WHEREAS, the university is now accredited to teach first-year and sophomore
9 students in the fall of 2016; and

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11 WHEREAS, management of the university curriculum is a primary responsibility
12 of the faculty;

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14 WHEREAS, the current Core Curriculum committee exists as an ad hoc
15 committee; and

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17 WHEREAS, there are no clear guidelines on how a Core Curriculum Committee
18 interacts with the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee or who should be
19 on the Core Curriculum Committee; now

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21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a Core Curriculum Committee be added
22 to the Faculty Senate Constitution.

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24 *Amendment to the Constitution*

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26 9.2.1 The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee **shall consist of the following**
27 **members: one Faculty Senate representative elected by the Faculty Senate**
28 **to serve as chair of the committee voting only in the case of a tie, the chair**
29 **of each college curriculum committee, and one elected at large member**
30 **from each college. The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee shall have a**
31 **permeant sub-committee dedicated to advising on core curriculum issues.**
32 ~~consists of three representatives (one from Arts & Sciences, Education & Human~~
33 ~~Development, and Business) elected by their respective Academic Units and two~~
34 ~~representatives of the Faculty Senate elected by the Faculty Senate. The~~
35 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee of the Faculty Senate considers, and
36 makes recommendations to the Provost and President regarding, all academic
37 matters of the University involving policy and procedure including but not limited
38 to:

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40 (a) Undergraduate admissions requirements

41 (b) Undergraduate graduation requirements

42 (c) Undergraduate academic standards

43 (d) Undergraduate curriculum

44 (e) New undergraduate course creation

- 45 (f) New undergraduate degrees
- 46 (g) New undergraduate programs
- 47 (h) Undergraduate core requirements

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49 **The Core Curriculum Sub-Committee of the Undergraduate Curriculum**
50 **Committee shall consist of one member of the University Curriculum**
51 **Committee from each college. The Dean of the College of Arts and**
52 **Sciences, The Director of University Library and the Assistant Vice**
53 **President of the University College shall serve as advisory non-voting**
54 **members. The Core Curriculum Sub-Committee oversees the core**
55 **curriculum. All proposals from the core curriculum committee must also be**
56 **approved by the full undergraduate curriculum committee.**

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- 58 **(a) Core curriculum academic standards**
- 59 **(b) Additions and withdrawals of core curriculum courses**
- 60 **(c) Assessment of the core curriculum**

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5 REQUEST TO REDUCE FACUTY OFFICE HOURS

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7 WHEREAS, the office hour policy at Texas A&M –San Antonio currently requires
8 more hours than at other institutions in Texas;

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10 WHEREAS, a competitive office hour policy will help with recruitment and
11 retention of top faculty;

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13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we request office hours for faculty be set
14 at one hour per class per week to a maximum of four hours.