FACULTY COUNCIL MOTION ON CREATING A CURRICULUM COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Add a university standing committee by adding a part r. to Article 3, Section 4 of the Faculty Code

r. Curriculum Coordination Committee

The Curriculum Coordination Committee shall consist of one faculty member chosen by each instructional unit and one representative apiece of the Faculty Council, the Academic Affairs Advisory Committee, and the Chancellor’s Advisory Committee for Budget and Strategic Planning. The Provost or the Provost’s representative shall be a member, ex officio.

The Committee shall address issues of course or program duplication across instructional units. It shall adjudicate such issues to promote academic quality, use faculty resources efficiently, and respect historical precedent on this campus. The Committee shall seek to resolve issues by agreement among the instructional units involved and, if that fails, by asking the Provost to adjust budgets of instructional units in accordance with the Committee’s findings. Issues of course or program duplication can be brought to the Committee by any UM-Flint faculty member or academic administrator.

Rationale: The motion responds to the Provost's request for a new mechanism to reduce curriculum duplication across instructional units. It would promote efficient use of faculty and fiscal resources by countering financial incentives for units to work against one another. A disadvantage is that the mechanism reduces the autonomy of instructional units.