An Ad Hoc Committee on Excused Absence Policy

Whereas University policies relating to student absences and to course management (PS–22 and PS–29) offer minimal guidance regarding the implementation of make-up and other compensatory policies for students who qualify for “excused” absences;

Whereas excused absences occur frequently owing to the engagement of students with Athletics and other co-curricular programs;

Whereas the lack of guidance has proved a cause of consternation for faculty members and may give rise to a perception of inequity in the evaluation of students;

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate will create an ad hoc committee to review these and any other pertinent policies, to gather relevant information, and to make recommendations for the revision of PS–22, PS–29, and any other University policies or publications that bear on excused absences.

Therefore be it further resolved that the Faculty Senate asks Faculty Athletic Representative William Demastes to Chair the aforementioned ad hoc committee.