

To: David Turnbull, Chair of Faculty Senate

From: Matthew Hudelson, Executive Secretary of Faculty Senate

Date: December 8, 2020

RE: *Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted – Minutes from September 24, 2020*

Conversations with Registrar's Office and the Office of the Provost, concerning the minutes of September 24, 2020 revealed concerns that Item 3 of the Information Items, "Summer Items passed by Steering Committee" is misleading. Specifically, the NOIs mentioned in sub-items a, b, and e are not subject to senate approval. Rather, Faculty Senate Steering gathered comments on these NOIs and forwarded these to the Office of the Provost. In addition, Item 3, sub-item f is in error as WSU has no mechanism to put an undergraduate degree into moratorium.

Additionally, we have notified the Office of the Provost that Item 6 - Suspend the BA in Asia Studies – is not within the current academic policy, for the same reasons as Item 3, sub-item f. In discussions with several stakeholders, it is not advised to update WSU policy to allow for undergraduate degree suspension or moratoriums. Instead, these degrees should be dropped, otherwise admissions and recruiting are conflicted. We communicated to the Office of the Provost that when, at some future date, the colleges housing these academic units would like to offer new degrees, they would go through the process outlined in the Educational Policy and Procedure Manual.

In order to rectify this situation, I propose that the Faculty Senate consider a Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted, changing the Information Items section of the minutes from September 24 that currently reads

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 - b. NOI for Degree Name Change – Master in Applied Economics (Exhibits E E1 E2)
 - c. Proposal to Discontinue Master's in Public Affairs (Exhibits F F1)
 - d. Edits to Graduate School P&P – Submitting Final Thesis or dissertation to Graduate School (Exhibits G G1)
 - e. NOI ESFCOM – New Unit Behavioral Health (Exhibit H)
 - f. 2 Year Moratorium – Department of Communication and Society (Exhibits I I1)
4. Notice of Dissolution of the MOU for the Bi-State School of Food Science (Exhibit J)
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6. Notice of Degree Proposal: Suspend the BA in Asia Studies (Exhibit L)

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