

Resolution on the Protection of Academic Programs, Student Welfare, and Accreditation

August 10, 2026

WHEREAS

The recent mass faculty terminations and unconsulted program realignments severely compromise degree completion, essential advising capacity, and research continuity for hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students across the university;

WHEREAS these sweeping reductions eliminate specialized faculty required to maintain mandatory external accreditations, and actively dismantle academic and student support programs that are integral to the health and safety of students due to their vital roles in providing student success and support services within the university; and

WHEREAS these actions were executed without due regard for student harm and in direct violation of established university handbooks, mandatory consultation protocols, and the principles of shared governance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the administration immediately rescind these faculty terminations—at a minimum for the 2026–2027 academic year—to safeguard institutional accreditations, prevent the collapse of essential student health and welfare structures, and ensure current students are able to complete their degrees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the administration establish immediate emergency provisions for all graduate students facing imminent professional or national deadlines, directly communicate verified degree pathways to all affected students before the Fall 2026 term, and mandate faculty consultation on all future structural changes.