UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution to Recommend Approval of the Motion by the Core Curriculum Executive Council for the Student Success Course Core Curriculum Requirement

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate had previously passed a resolution urging the Administration to support the development of a comprehensive first-year experience to increase the success of our incoming students; and

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate previously passed a resolution supporting the development and institution of a credit-bearing student success course required of all incoming students; and

WHEREAS the Undergraduate Education Policy Committee has already approved the eight learning objectives that form the basis for the Foundations of Inquiry courses; and

WHEREAS an expanding number of Colleges are offering versions of these courses to increase the success of their own students; and

WHEREAS the expansion of such a program should take place under the watchful eye of the faculty; and

WHEREAS the University Core Curriculum Executive Committee is the central faculty mechanism for providing approval, assessment, and oversight of such broad-based curriculum; and

WHEREAS the attached motion put forward unanimously by the Core Curriculum Executive Council allows the creation of a student success course that will not increase the total number of required credit hours for the Core Curriculum; and

WHEREAS this requirement will be subject to normal university review in three years, and then every eight years thereafter on a normal cycle;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate recommend approval of the attached motion by the Core Curriculum Executive Council for the student success course Core Curriculum requirement.

Core Curriculum Executive Council Approved February 17, 2011

Motion:

Whereas the skills needed for the Student Success Course fall within the learning objectives of the University Core Curriculum,

And whereas the Faculty Senate has charged the Core Curriculum Executive Council with updating the University Core Curriculum,

Be it resolved that a requirement for a three-hour student success course be added to the Foundations Skills area of the University Core Curriculum and that any required student success courses fall within this area of the University Core Curriculum.

Be it further resolved that the three-hour interdisciplinary course requirement in the Core curriculum be eliminated in order to keep the total required credit hours for the University Core Curriculum at 41.