As a new member of the Faculty Senate and the Undergraduate Education Policy Committee of the Faculty Senate, I was impressed to see how many resolutions the committee reviews every year. Luckily, I was well prepared from the former UEPC Chair, Amy Bro and have a wonderful group of people who serve on this committee with me. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the committee members: Lisabeth Dilalla, Robert Broomfield, Grant Miller, Louis Premkumar, Sarah Alli-Brown, Ying Chen, and Yaser Seyed Samadi. Although some of these members are new to the committee, I have appreciated their feedback and look forward to continuing to work with each of them.

Over the 2022 year and the start of 2023, the UEPC has presented 20 resolutions before the Faculty Senate and 3 pending. The committee has worked hard as they meet once a month before each monthly Faculty Senate meeting to review any resolutions in order to be prepared to present them to the Faculty Senate. The resolutions have generally passed with unanimous support.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Faculty Senate this past academic year:

1. RME for Multiple Changes in the Workforce Education Programs (pending from previous year and passed April 26, 2022)
2. RME to Rename BS in Early Childhood and Eliminate Specialization (pending from previous year and passed April 26, 2022)
3. RME for Renaming Specialization in BS Electrical Engineering (pending from previous year and passed April 26, 2022)
4. RME to Move and Rename the Minor in Latino/a and Latin American Studies (passed October 11, 2022)
5. RME to Move the Minor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (passed October 11, 2022)
6. RME to Create a Minor in Social Justice (passed October 11, 2022)
7. RME to Create an Undergraduate Certificate Program in Conservation Law Enforcement (passed October 11, 2022)
8. RME to Create a Dual/Concurrent (Joint) Degree between the B.S. in Paralegal Studies and the J.D. in Law (passed October 11, 2022)
9. NUI for a B.S. in Statistics (passed November 15, 2022)
10. RME to Create a Dual B.S./J.D. Program between Communication Studies and the SIU School of Law (passed November 15, 2022)
11. RME to Eliminate Two Specializations in Public Safety Management (passed November 15, 2022)
12. NUI for B.S. in Cybersecurity (passed February 14, 2023)
13. RME for Digital Narrative and Gamification Specialization within the B.A. in English (passed February 14, 2023)
14. RME to Eliminate the Quality Management Specialization in the B.S. in Industrial Management and Applied Engineering (passed February 14, 2023)
15. RME for Specialization in Astrophysics (passed February 14, 2023)
16. RME for Concurrent B.A./J.D. Program – Political Science and School of Law (passed February 14, 2023)
17. Resolution for Recommend Approval of a Major GPA 2.0 Policy Change (passed February 14, 2023)
18. RME for a Minor in Behavioral Analysis and Therapy (passed March 21, 2023)
19. RME to Eliminate the Specialization in Turf Management in the B.S. in Horticulture and Add a Specialization in Sustainable Horticulture Systems in the B.S. in Horticulture (passed March 21, 2023)

20. AI Committee Resolution (passed March 21, 2023)

Pending RMEs (to be presented at the April 25, 2023 meeting):

1. RME for Undergraduate Certificate in Cannabis Production Systems
2. RME for a Minor in Cannabis Production Systems
3. RME for Specialization in Cannabis Science and Production

Respectfully submitted,
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