

Resolution* regarding proposal for a Department of Engineering Education:

Whereas Article VI, Section 1E of the University Constitution states that “Faculty shall have a shared governance role in determining any changes to the structure and character, including but not limited to forming, consolidating, transferring, closing and renaming, of the colleges, schools and departments in which they are appointed”; and

Whereas a proposal has been made for the creation of a *Department of Engineering Education* within the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering (*HWCOE*), which is to be formed from the existing *Institute for Excellence in Engineering Education*; and

Whereas the Faculty of the *HWCOE* have not been afforded the opportunity to participate in shared governance regarding the proposed *Department*, nor the *Institute* from which it is being formed; and

Whereas the proposed *Department* will, and the *Institute* currently does, oversee the delivery of multiple service and entry-level engineering classes that were managed, until recently, by the existing departments and school within the *HWCOE*; and

Whereas the creation of a new department has the potential to impact the future distribution of college-wide resources; and

Whereas the creation of the *Department*, focused on a non-traditional discipline within the field of engineering, has the potential to impact the national and international reputation of the *HWCOE* for the long-term;

let it be

Resolved that the Faculty Council of the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering

Finds that the proposed *Department* represents substantial, ongoing changes to the “structure and character” of the *HWCOE*; and

Requests that the Faculty Senate postpone action on the proposed Department of Engineering Education until the Faculty of the *HWCOE* have the opportunity to exercise their proper role in shared governance; and

Urges the administration of the *HWCOE* to present the proposed *Department* for the consideration and a vote of the Faculty of the *HWCOE*.

*The resolution was considered and approved by a vote of the Faculty Council of the HWCOE on March 14, 2019.