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.